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Representative Jim Langevin
2077 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Langevin:

The National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) would like to thank you for your efforts in achieving the inclusion of most of the provisions of H.R. 6248, the “Disability Access to Transportation Act” in H.R. 2 the “Moving Forward Act”. NDRN applauds the inclusion of these provisions for increasing accessible transportation for individuals with disabilities.

NDRN is the voluntary membership association for Protection and Advocacy (P&A) and Client Assistance Program (CAP) agencies. The P&A and CAP agencies are a nationwide network of congressionally mandated, cross disability organizations operating in every state in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands). There is also a P&A and CAP affiliated with the Native American Consortium which includes the Hopi, Navajo, and San Juan Southern Paiute Nations located in the Four Corners region of the Southwest.

H.R. 2 will allow the transportation sector to innovate and provide services in a way that empowers individuals with disabilities through provisions like the one-stop paratransit pilot program, finalizing the pedestrian right-of-way guidelines, and increased funding for Section 5310. By including most of the provisions of H.R. 6248 in H.R. 2, we are closer to the realizing truly accessible transportation for people with disabilities which will allow individuals to more easily shop, get to the doctors, a job, or school. Transportation is a core component of independent living and is inextricably linked to community integration. As H.R. 2 works its way through Congress, we look forward to working with you to preserve the inclusion of these provisions in any final infrastructure package.

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Sincerely,

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