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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Ranking Member Sam Graves
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Sharp/Tintic Railroad Connection in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Utah Transit Authority (UTA) and the project is located between the cities of Springville and Spanish Fork from approximately 1600 S, Springville, UT 84663 to Williams Lane, Spanish Fork, UT 84660.

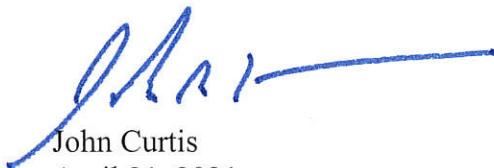
The funding is designated for approximately 7,400 linear feet of new railroad tracks connecting the Sharp and Tintic Railroad corridors within the Cities of Springville and Spanish Fork, Utah.

This project provides a route for future expansion of the commuter rail system to Southern Utah County, allows Union Pacific freight trains to be rerouted, bypassing residential areas (eliminating highway rail crossings), provides a safer walking route for children to a local elementary school, and allows the City of Springville to access the former rail corridor for future trails.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the infrastructure that Utahns depend on. The project will enable key public transit objectives while improving local community accessibility and safety.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John Curtis
April 21, 2021