



March 20, 2023

Dear Chair Hornstein and Members of the House Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 2700 (Hornstein) that will be heard in the Transportation Committee on Tuesday. Metro Cities supports this bill.

Metro Cities supports an effective, efficient, and comprehensive regional transit system as an invaluable component in meeting the multimodal transportation needs of the metropolitan region and to the region's economic vibrancy and quality of life. The regional transit system should recognize the diverse needs of the communities it serves as it connects residents to jobs, schools, health care, and other destinations. Demand for microtransit service has grown during the pandemic. If passed, HF 2700 would provide important funding for the region's suburban transit providers to expand and improve their demand response transit services.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

Mike Lund
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