



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 2, 2021

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of the Community Transportation Association of America's (CTAA) nearly 1,400 members, I'd like to congratulate you on your new position as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Our Association represents the nation's rural, small-urban, tribal, specialized, volunteer, veterans and non-emergency medical transportation providers.

As you know, our community and public transportation systems have faced tremendous hardship in the past year. Not only have they had to overcome a chronic lack of adequate investment, they've had to introduce innovative ways of keeping their communities moving safely amidst a global pandemic. Acknowledging that dealing with the pandemic is the Biden Administration's top priority, I'm pleased to let you know that CTAA member agencies have innovatively responded through meal and medicine delivery and are now developing new partnerships with local public health agencies to ensure vulnerable community members have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. We strongly recommended mask wearing for passenger and employees last spring and are active partners in the new federal mask wearing mandate rollout. Our members are ready to be part of the solution!

We look forward to working with you and your team at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on our shared priorities of enhancing mobility access across the country, ensuring smaller operators have access to zero-emission vehicles and energy sources, and helping our smallest systems have access to the inventive tools and technology found in the larger cities.

Again, congratulations and should you like to discuss any of these topics further, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at [bogren@ctaa.org](mailto:bogren@ctaa.org) or 202.247.1921.

Sincerely,

Scott Bogren  
Executive Director