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### **Community Transit Leaders Convene in Washington, D.C. for the CTAA Legislative Fly-in** Rural, small urban, and specialized transit providers tell their stories to Congress

**Washington, D.C. – [March 27, 2024]** – The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) hosted its annual Legislative Fly-in in Washington, D.C. March 5-7, 2025. This critical event brought together more than 100 transit leaders from across the nation, representing a wide range of communities and transportation initiatives in rural, tribal, and small urban areas. Interested parties should mark their calendar for next year; CTAA will host their Fly-in March 4 - 6, 2026.

CTAA members engaged with Congressional offices from 40 states to advocate for policies that enhance and support public transportation systems operating in rural, tribal, and small urban areas. The Legislative Fly-in serves as a crucial platform for community transit leaders to showcase the importance of robust and sustainable transit solutions in communities of all sizes. The programs and services provided include trips to medical care, employment, education, social services, and other visits critical to the population in these areas.

125 meetings with Congressional offices discussed the value and importance of community transit across the country. CTAA worked with members to best share the impact their service has on the people in their area. From bringing third-shift workers to and from their jobs to ensuring people get to their medical appointments, community transportation is a part of the fabric of rural, small urban, and tribal areas, even if it's not as immediately visible as a large subway system in an urban area.

CTAA Executive Director Scott Bogren emphasized the significance of the event, stating, "Our Fly-in is an invaluable opportunity for our members to directly communicate the value of their transit systems and the important role they play in the lives of their passengers and in their communities. With a collective voice to our representatives, we aim to drive meaningful legislative action that will maintain crucial transportation infrastructure all across the country."

CTAA provided resources and support to all participants, hosting a webinar and office hours in advance of the event, and hosting an in-person briefing the day before scheduled meetings on Capitol Hill. CTAA leadership and staff, alongside the board of directors, developed a list of legislative priorities for 2025 focused on major areas impacting community transportation in the coming months and years. The 2025 CTAA Legislative Priorities document is available to view [here](#). All participants were given copies of the priorities alongside supplemental materials that took a deeper dive into some of the priorities.

CTAA is committed to providing advocacy, research, resources, training, vital events, and timely communication to the community transportation industry. This year's legislative agenda focuses on maintaining lawful federal investment in transportation infrastructure, promoting

equitable access via no-cost regulation updates, general regulation reform, and other requests to increase efficiencies as identified by CTAA members.

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**About CTAA:** The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) serves its 1,300 member organizations with resources, training, events, and advocacy. CTAA rural, small urban, tribal, NEMT, and specialized transportation members are dedicated to ensuring that all Americans, regardless of age, ability, geography, or income, have access to safe, affordable, and reliable transportation. <https://ctaa.org>.

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