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Mr. Francis Gay, Administrator GATRA 10 Oak St. 2nd Floor Taunton, MA 02780

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Dear Mr. Gay,

I am writing today in support of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)'s application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grants for the Plymouth Multimodal Center in Plymouth, MA.

The Plymouth Multimodal Center is crucial to improving tourism and economic opportunity throughout the region. Located within a 10-minute walk from the main street business district and historic and working water front sites, residents, visitors, tourists and boaters will all be able to utilize a wide range of transportation modes housed at the proposed Multimodal Transportation center including GATRA bus service, a seasonal circulator shuttle, parking, pedestrian connections, bicycle accommodations, taxi and pedi-cab services. This will help to not only increase access for the influx of tourists that visit our community every year, but it will also help to improve access for residents who will be able to reach employment and service centers along the GATRA routes.

With the 400th Anniversary Celebration of the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock quickly approaching, it is imperative now more than ever to ensure that these visitors who will come

from across the world have access to the town and all of the attractions the celebration will provide. The centralized parking access downtown will help to reduce vehicle miles travelled while providing additional parking spaces for those wishing to use transit and ferry services to further explore all our region has to offer.

Thank you again for your time, and for giving the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority's application for funding for the Plymouth Multimodal Center every possible consideration. Should you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Vinny deMacedo

State Senator

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