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Honorable Julie Hamos
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Dear Representative Hamos:

The Board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) supports Moving Beyond Congestion, the joint strategic planning project by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), CTA, Metra and Pace. Public transit is a critical component of our transportation network that we must invest in to sustain and strengthen our region's economy. Our board is working to build consensus to promote a regional transportation system that is safe, efficient, and accessible while sustaining the region's vision related to the natural environment, economic and community development, social equity, and public health.

In the spirit of the Regional Planning Act of 2005 and our Strategic Plan, CMAP is committed to coordinated planning throughout the region. We look forward to working with you, the Mass Transit Committee, and other members' of the General Assembly to craft legislation to support many of the principles highlighted in the Moving Beyond Congestion report, including ensuring that RTA's plans are consistent with regional plans and priorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to regional planning and coordination. We look forward to working with you to pass legislation that will continue to strengthen the planning process in northeastern Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gerald Bennett, City of Palos Hills
Chair, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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