

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY****LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD****Re: Protect the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project from Federal Disinvestment Under the Trump Administration**

**WHEREAS**, the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project is a transformative transportation initiative designed to deliver efficient, reliable, and necessary transit service along one of Buffalo's most heavily used corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project is in urgent need of this investment to strengthen and support Buffalo's East Side, as the corridor runs south to north and will provide East Side residents with improved access to higher-paying industrial jobs, higher education institutions, and healthcare services, as many of which are located outside the immediate area; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Timothy Kennedy have been consistent champions of federal investment in regional infrastructure, and I have joined in this effort by allocating \$500,000 in County Urban Infrastructure Funds to support a complementary project aligned with the Bailey Avenue BRT initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, a provision in the transportation section of the Trump Administration's proposed tax legislation would claw back previously awarded grants from the Neighborhood Access and Equity Program, jeopardizing the funding for Buffalo's Bailey Avenue transformation project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature strongly supports the full allocation of the \$103 million in federal funding for the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature urges the Federal Transit Administration and all relevant agencies to expedite the release of these funds to advance both the planning and implementation phases of the project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature calls on all members of the Western New York Congressional delegation to oppose the Trump Administration's tax legislation and any provisions that threaten to rescind funding for the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature condemns any support for the Trump Administration's Tax Bill as doing so would further economically disenfranchise Buffalo's East Side and erode trust within the community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall send copies to Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative Timothy Kennedy, Representative Nick Langworthy, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to affirm our full support for this critical infrastructure investment.