

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 9, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
H-232, The Capitol

The Honorable Hakeem S. Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
H-204, The Capitol

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As the 2024 Olympics come to a close, we write to highlight the tireless work already underway to ensure that the 2028 Games are a great success for our country. As you know, the honor and privilege of hosting these games will soon fall to Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oklahoma City. Therefore, as you negotiate a final fiscal year 2025 appropriations package, we strongly support the \$200 million included in the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill for public transportation agencies that will host Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For 128 years, the modern Olympic Games have brought together the world to promote the values of determination, hard work, sportsmanship and teamwork. In the current Summer Olympics, an estimated 11 million visitors are attending the Paris Games in person.

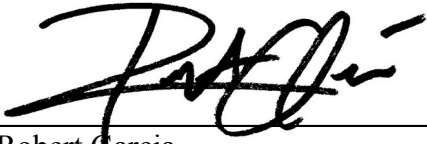
The Olympic and Paralympic Games will be returning to the United States for the first time since the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games. Events will be held across Los Angeles and Long Beach in California, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Our regions will welcome millions of people as the best athletes from around the globe compete on the biggest stage in sports. LA28's Games Plan builds on our existing world-class venues, offering the best possible experience for athletes and fans, while supporting LA28's commitment to fiscal responsibility and sustainability.

We note that during the two prior US Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002 and Atlanta, Georgia in 1996, a program was established under which public transit agencies throughout the country donated or leased buses to the host public transportation agencies and the host city Olympic committee. This program allowed host communities to effectively scale their transportation infrastructure to meet the unique challenges posed by all games.

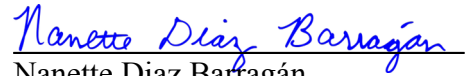
We are encouraged that the bipartisan Senate fiscal year 2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill builds on this past success by providing \$200 million for mobility initiatives directly related to the upcoming 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As you negotiate a final spending package, it is crucial for the Congress to include this vital transportation funding to ensure smooth, efficient and sustainable movement for the millions who will visit the Olympic and Paralympic host cities in 2028.

Thank you,



Robert Garcia  
Member of Congress



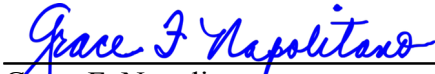
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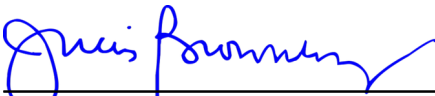
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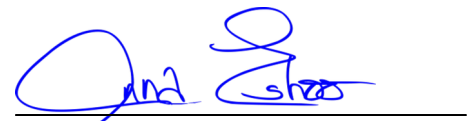


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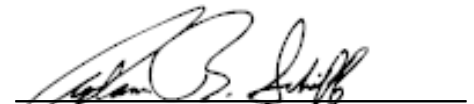
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