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Dear Friend:

Knowing of your interest in the paramount problem of urban development, I am writing to you about a major issue in this field. The question of mass transit is one which plagues all cities, especially Atlanta.

My concern with urban transportation has involved me with legislation since my arrival in Congress. In 1964, after months of work, my committee on Banking and Currency reported out and pressed for passage of the first major rapid transit bill in this country. The act passed the Congress; and I am pleased to report that under it, Atlanta has received almost \$300,000 in Federal Aid.

Atlanta demands a rapid transit system to unify a growing city. The metropolitan center must grow into a cohesive unit with organized means of transportation.

Currently, the Congress is considering the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1966. The bill was reported out of my committee and passed the House on August 16th.

The bill included an amendment which I offered for grants for technical study. Under this section of the bill, grants are made available to states and local public bodies and agencies for planning, engineering, and designing of urban mass transportation projects. Studies pertaining to feasibility of projects, preparation of surveys and engineering specifications, and other pre-construction activities fall under this section. The version of the bill which passed the House kept my amendment intact.

I am pleased with the progress which has been made in this area and shall continue to do all that I can to promote the advancement of interest and action in the field of rapid

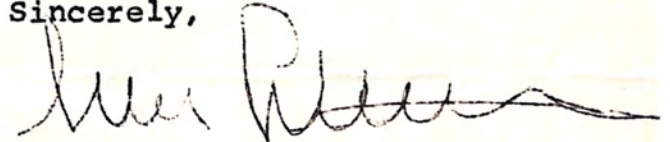
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transit.

If you have any questions or comments in this area,  
please do not hesitate to call on me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Weltner", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles Longstreet Weltner  
Member of Congress