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Mr. Arthur E. Teele
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 Urban Mass Transportation Administration
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Dear Mr. Teele:

Shortly the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District will submit an application for a grant to purchase 25 new accessible buses to complete their goal to make all buses and all services accessible to the handicapped. We, the Illinois Congressional Delegation, would like to take this opportunity to voice our strong support for the approval of this grant.

In June of 1984 the University of Illinois is hosting the World Wheelchair Games. These games will bring 3,000 wheelchair athletes from 80 countries to compete in this international competition. It is the hope of the delegation that the grant's purchase and delivery of the 25 buses can be completed prior to the Wheelchair Games.

Is it possible to obtain contingency funds to buy these buses? It is our understanding that funds may be available from 1983 appropriations which could be used to finance the purchase of these buses. If funds are available immediately the order could be made and the equipment ready before June of next year.

In the event that funds are not immediately available a letter or authorization from Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) would allow the equipment to be ordered in anticipation of funds from UMTA. Having the buses before June of 1984 would help ensure the success of the Wheelchair Games and benefit the people of Illinois.

We believe the positive impact of this project is well worth hastening its completion. Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur E. Teele
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