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Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
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Patty Murray
Vice-Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Cole, Chair Collins, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice-Chair Murray,

Cities across the United States are preparing to host the largest sporting events in the world. The 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring millions of visitors from across the globe to the United States to support their favorite teams and athletes. To help ensure the safe and efficient movement of visitors and residents alike, we respectfully request that the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations bill include transportation funding for World Cup, Olympic, and Paralympic host cities at least at the levels provided in the Senate bill.

These events are expected to deliver substantial economic benefits to the national economy. Eleven U.S. cities will host World Cup matches, welcoming an estimated five million fans. The World Cup alone is projected to contribute \$9.6 billion to the U.S. economy and support more than 100,000 jobs. The 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games are expected to attract millions more visitors, generate over \$13 billion in additional economic activity nationwide, and create 90,000 jobs.

Fully realizing these economic benefits requires that visitors, workers, and residents can travel safely and efficiently. Transportation systems must accommodate not only event attendees traveling to venues, restaurants, hotels, and tourist destinations, but also local residents commuting to work, school, and essential services during periods of unprecedented demand. Temporary congestion, system failures, or safety incidents would impose real costs on local businesses, workers, and taxpayers, while undermining the nation's reputation as a reliable host for international commerce and tourism.

Federal funding would bolster the millions of dollars that local governments have already invested in preparing for these events. The transportation funding for World Cup and Olympic and Paralympic host cities included in the THUD bill reported out of the Senate Appropriations Committee would provide critical, limited support to help ensure these historic events deliver economic benefits to local communities and the nation.

We appreciate your leadership and your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator



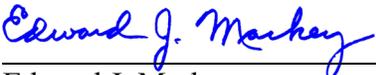
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