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Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
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Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Charter Service Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee;  
Docket No. FTA-2005-22657**

Dear Docket Clerk:

On behalf of the 30 affiliated unions of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), I am writing to express my strong support for the application of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) for membership on the negotiated rulemaking advisory committee on FTA's charter service regulations.

As the FTA moves forward with this negotiated rulemaking as mandated under the recent surface transportation reauthorization bill, or SAFETEA-LU, it is critical that an employee representative be included to ensure that the revised regulations on charter service protect the interests of the workers in both the private bus industry and the public transit agencies.

Within transportation labor, ATU has the most extensive knowledge of and experience with the existing charter service regulations. ATU members are employed in both the transit and charter bus industries, uniquely positioning this union to assist in the development of new regulations – not only to provide the employee perspective but to ensure that the needs of both industries, and the communities that would be affected, are adequately met.

I therefore urge you to accept the application of Karen Head, ATU Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs, as submitted in a letter dated February 23, 2006, to represent the interests of transportation labor on the negotiated rulemaking advisory committee. An FTA rulemaking committee would be extremely well served by her participation and expertise.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Wytkind", is written over a horizontal line.

Edward Wytkind  
President

cc: Warren S. George, International President, ATU  
Karen Head, Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs, ATU

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