



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Transit
Administration**

Executive Director

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 29, 2017

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Kasich:

This letter is to inform you that Ohio's State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program has been approved and certified by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the requirements of Federal public transportation safety law (49 U.S.C. § 5329(c)) and the FTA State Safety Oversight regulations (49 C.F.R. Part 674).

Certification is an important achievement and promotes the safety of our nation's rail transit systems. Ohio's diligence fulfilling these requirements and devoting necessary resources will make public transportation safer for the passengers who ride the rail transit systems in your state.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. Thomas Littleton, FTA's Associate Administrator for Transit Safety and Oversight at (202) 366-1783 or thomas.littleton@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Welbes

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