



To the Members of the SANDAG Transportation Committee,

I write to you today as a member of the San Diego community that is deeply committed to the welfare and mobility of all San Diego Residents. It has come to my attention that the future of a critically unique program, RideFACT, has become endangered through lack of sustainable funding. I stand with FACT in requesting the committee's assistance in **identifying both new and existing funding avenues** to ensure the program's continued success.

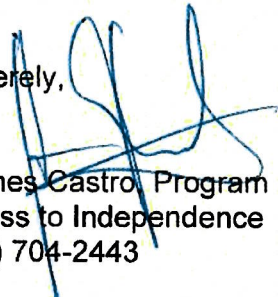
FACT plays a pivotal role in our community, offering an essential service that no other agency in San Diego provides. Their commitment to facilitating accessible, affordable, and coordinated transportation solutions for elderly, disabled, and low-income residents county-wide fills a critical gap in our region's transportation network. This service not only enhances the quality of life for many, but also supports the broader goals of equity, sustainability, and connectivity in our transportation system.

Considering the indispensable services FACT provides, I urge the SANDAG Transportation Committee to acknowledge the unique value FACT brings to our community and **to locate sustainable funding for its operations**. It is crucial that we come together to ensure that our most vulnerable populations have the transportation resources they need to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

For many individuals and organizations in this community, FACT provides lifesaving services every day that would have no replacement if RideFACT were no longer available. I urge the transportation committee to research the vital role that FACT plays in this community and consider the impact of funding decisions on San Diego's most vulnerable residents.

I believe that supporting FACT is not just an investment in a single organization, but a commitment to the inclusivity, accessibility, and sustainability of San Diego's transportation ecosystem. I stand with the San Diego community in backing FACT, thereby endorsing a more connected and equitable future for all San Diego residents.

Sincerely,



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