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Ortt Encourages NFTA to Apply For Transit Grant Program

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Funding Secured by State could Help Save Bus Routes and Paratransit Lines in Jeopardy of being cut

State Senator Rob Ortt (R,C,I – North Tonawanda) today is encouraging the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to apply for a transportation grant program that would help keep fixed bus routes and Paratransit services from being cut.

Sen. Ortt, chairman of the Senate Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, said, “I fought for the NFTA in Albany, and was able to help secure a total of \$6.4 million, so that people with disabilities or impairments, who rely heavily on the Paratransit service, wouldn’t have to worry about how they would get to their next doctor’s appointment if their route were to be cut. Unfortunately, the money set aside in the budget wasn’t enough to avoid disruption, but upon eligibility, this transit funding program could be the solution to the NFTA’s problems.”

It is our understanding that the NFTA could be eligible for a portion of the available funding. Organizations would have to qualify for the funding based on certain criteria listed on the New York State Department of Transportation’s (NYSDOT) website. More information about the program and how the available funding may be used can found [here](#).

As always, Sen. Ortt is committed to keeping the lines of communication open with the NFTA’s Board of Commissioners and the Western New York Delegation to discuss alternative options.

