March 5, 2020

The Honorable Brian Bosma  
Speaker of the House  
Indiana House of Representatives  
200 W. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Bosma:

AIA Indiana urges your assistance in eliminating the amendment offered by Sen. Aaron Freeman to HB 1279 that would negatively impact IndyGo and put in jeopardy the two additional planned bus rapid transit routes -- the Blue Line and the Purple Line. As it stands now, HB 1279 reverses the will of Marion County voters, who overwhelmingly approved support for transit improvement in the 2016 referendum vote.

AIA Indiana strongly supports IndyGo’s efforts to improve mass transit in our capital city. An improved public transit system not only helps our economic development efforts but it also generates transit-oriented development opportunities. Furthermore, it is key to improving the racial and social disparities in our community and helps improve our environmental sustainability.

AIA Indiana represents 780 Hoosier architects and your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Rep. Todd Huston, House Speaker-Elect