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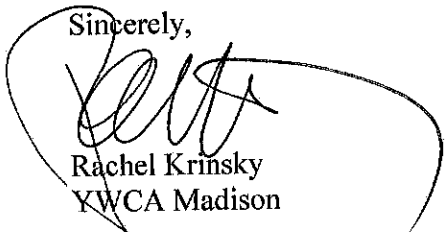
On behalf of YWCA Madison, I am endorsing the attached application for a Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities grant in support of its Ladders of Opportunity Initiative.

Having the City of Madison and Metro Transit help us replace our six vans – 3 in 2015 and 3 in 2016- that are reaching the end of their useful life is critical to the continuation and financial sustainability of our YW Transit & JobRide programs. These programs provide rides for a variety of needs including:

- Rides for low-income people going to and from work and employment related activities who cannot be served by existing bus service
- Transportation to community agencies for individuals isolated by poverty, age, disability or language barriers
- Safe night time rides to help prevent sexual assault

Providing these transportation services to people who are otherwise underserved or un-served in the community is an important part of our mission of self-determined social change for all racial, ethnic, and economic groups. Women, men, and their families are empowered and the quality of their lives greatly improved in partnership with the YWCA. In turn, YWCA's mission will be supported by a partnership with Metro Transit in providing the necessary transportation services for marginalized members of our community with the help of this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,



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