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The Honourable Sean Fraser  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario

March 1st, 2024

Dear Minister,

I am writing to urge you to follow through on providing federal financial support to the Association of School Transport Services of BC (ASTSBC) to electrify their fleets.

Many of my constituents have written to me detailing the benefits that such support will provide for communities across Saanich–Gulf Islands. In particular, diesel fumes from school buses pose a significant health threat to young lungs.

The application was submitted to the Zero Emissions Transit Fund. The second phase of the application is pending approval and expands upon the initial ask by requesting an expanded number of school districts, a wider province-wide distribution of funding and enhancing funding for districts.

School districts and ASTSBC are looking for confirmation that the federal government will provide funding by March 1<sup>st</sup>. I am asking you to ensure that this funding is



provided so that communities in my riding and across BC have safe and affordable electric school buses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Elizabeth May, O.C.  
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