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Leniese Fuqua  
Interim Director, Pupil Transportation  
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Dear Ms. Fuqua,

Thank you for sending SORTA the bid opportunity for Pupil Transportation for Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS). Federal law prohibits SORTA from competing with private charter operators and, therefore, SORTA will not be submitting a bid for these services.

In light of the information CPS have shared with us and the community regarding the CPS Boards dissatisfaction with SORTA's service, despite our efforts to provide the best possible service to student riders while in the midst of an operator shortage; in conjunction with the recent RFP for charter service that we are not permitted to participate in, we believe it is in our mutual best interest to not extend the existing Agreement between CPS and SORTA dated December 13, 2017 (the Agreement). Per contract stipulations, please consider this our written notice to not exercise our contract option years following the conclusion of our contract Agreement effective June 30, 2022 in accordance with Section 15 of the Agreement.

We believe this would provide CPS with sufficient time and funds to select a new provider to meet CPS' needs and adequate time to communicate with your student families regarding the change in transportation provider in the coming school year.

As always, we are committed to doing all we can to assist CPS and its students as we close out this contract and will continue to do all we can to work with you to address any service challenges presented to us.

Should you wish, we are open to further conversation as to how we may support CPS student transportation needs in the future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Ravasio".

John Ravasio  
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Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority