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Board of Directors
Chatham Area Transit Authority
900 East Gwinnett Street
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**Re: Notification of Cancellation of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA)
between Chatham County and the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT)**

Dear Chairman Leggett:

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia ("County") hereby provides written notice to the Chatham Area Transit Authority's Board of Directors (CAT Board) of the County's intention to terminate the existing agreement with CAT to provide public transportation within Chatham County. By the terms of the existing intergovernmental agreement between the County and CAT, the agreement will terminate at the end of the fiscal year at midnight June 30, 2026.

The County has decided that CAT has not focused on the true needs of the community through its lack of services in the special service district to include paratransit. The County believes it is in the best interest of its citizens to focus on reliable transportation to include paratransit services and transportation services for citizens in the community that have the greatest need for public transportation access. CAT's current focus on the tourist economy and ferry system to the detriment of the local citizens is a position that the County cannot support.

The County would like to engage in further discussion concerning CAT's position, however, as you are aware, recent changes to the local law creating CAT have reduced the County's

representation on the Board. The County believes this reduction in representation, especially for the body that provides most of the financing for CAT through its millage and previous agreements, significantly impairs the County's ability to effectively perform its Home Rule power under the Georgia Constitution to provide public transportation services.

The County will cooperate with CAT to ensure an efficient transition that will minimize the impact of CAT employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chester A. Ellis".

Chester A. Ellis
Chairman