



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear (b) (6):

This letter is in reference to your complaint of discrimination, dated July 2, 2021, which was filed with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights. In the complaint, you allege that the Valley Transit District in Derby, Connecticut discriminates against you on the basis of your physical disability because of how it operates its shared ride service.

After a thorough review of your complaint, the FHWA has determined that it does not have jurisdiction. The issues you raised regarding the Valley Transit District may be within the jurisdiction of a different agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation. Therefore, we have forwarded your complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights for appropriate action.

If this office can be of assistance to you in any matter within the FHWA's enforcement responsibility, please contact us at (202) 366-0693, or at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

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