

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to write in support of the Port of Oswego Authority's application for funding under the Department of Transportation's *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)* grant program. Such funding will enable the Port of Oswego Authority to construct a new freight rail service as part of its Inland Port project.

As part of its continuing efforts to improve access to and efficiency of transportation hubs, the Port of Oswego Authority seeks to construct a new inland port and rail connection system to serve the CenterState New York region and the Port of New York/New Jersey (PONYNJ). This project is a result of the need for businesses in central New York to have access to competitive, intermodal container shipping in order to get their products to market, and the need to reduce congestion at the PONYNJ. The foundation of this project lies in the improvement of the container transportation system.

With funding, the Port of Oswego Authority will construct a new container freight rail system to serve the CenterState region. Dedicated to moving international container freight, this system will give Central New York businesses, particularly the manufacturing and agricultural industries, a competitive way to ship their goods to other parts of the world. This rail system will also improve the efficiency of the loading and unloading operations at PONYNJ, effectively increasing the capacity of the Port's terminals by moving ships through more quickly. Through more efficient container transportation, this rail system will be a significant boon to the region's businesses and help drive economic growth. I applaud the Port of Oswego Authority for its foresight and sincerely hope the application meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Marissa Emanuel, in my Washington office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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