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This week, a degelation of instutry leaders from the Building Congress met with Members of Congress, the Secrectrary of Transportation and her team as well as the White House to express our support for the Gateway Program. The select group of participants are responsible for nearly all of the New York and New Jersey Region's infrastructure projects and are involved in most large scale development project throughout the country (see attached list of delegates all of whom have been blind copied on this email).

The Gateway Program, the most urgent infrastructure program in the United States, is a comprehensive rail investment program that would improve rail services by adding resiliency and creating new capacity in the busiest 10-mile section of the Northeast Corridor, the most heavily used passenger rail line in the country. The Northeast Corridor and the Gateway Program support 52 million residents and over 20% of our nation's GDP. A failure to build this critical link would result in economic catastrophy for the entire country.

This project is a national priority. We urge you to support the designated \$900 million in the omnibus bill that includes funds for the Gateway Program and ask you to contact Speaker Paul Ryan and Congressional leadership to stress how important this money is not just to our region but to the entire nation.



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Very Truly Yours,

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