

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

K. Jane Williams
FTA Administrator
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

May 8, 2019

Dear Ms. Williams

We are writing to express support for the New York Department of Transportation (NYCDOT)'s \$6 million funding application to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA)'s Passenger Ferry Grant Program for the reconstruction of the St. George Ferry Terminal's roof. The terminal is an intrinsic part of Staten Island's identity, as well as being a major hub through which Staten Islanders can commute to and from Manhattan. It is essential that the terminal be maintained and improved so that it can continue to service the 23 million passengers who ride the Staten Island Ferry each year.

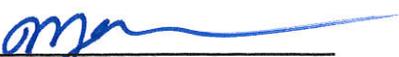
The St. George Ferry Terminal was constructed in 1951, and recently renovated in 2005. Beyond serving as the terminus for the Staten Island Ferry, the St. George Terminal also serves as a hub for the Staten Island bus network and the Staten Island Railroad. Altogether, the public transit modes that begin and end at the St. George Terminal represent the majority of Staten Islander's mass transit options for reaching other boroughs. It is therefore critical that the St. George Terminal be maintained to the highest possible standard to ensure ease of mobility for the hundreds of thousands of constituents in my district.

The roof of the St. George Ferry Terminal is reaching the end of its useful life, and federal funds secured through the FTA Passenger Ferry Grant Program will be essential to ensuring the Terminal's condition. Not only will the reconstruction address problems such as persistent leaking, roof drainage, and joint damage, but it will also improve energy efficiency, safety, and security to the public. Most notably, rebuilding the Ferry Terminal roof now will save on operating and maintenance costs going forward, and will be cheaper to accomplish now rather than later.

We urge you to approve NYCDOT's grant application and direct the requested \$6M to get the reconstruction started as soon as possible. Staten Island deserves a ferry terminal of which New York City can be proud.

We look forward to working with your office on this and other projects in the future.

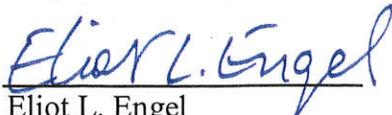
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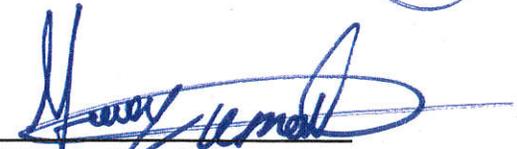

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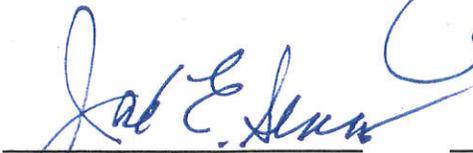

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