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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my strong support for the recent application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program by the New York State Department of Transportation. It is seeking \$20.4 million related to the replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge through the Lower Hudson Regional Transportation Link.

The New NY Bridge, which is replacing the existing Tappan Zee, has been designated by President Obama as a "High Priority Infrastructure" project. In fact, the Administration used a picture of the Tappan Zee on the cover of its Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. As the program dedicated to advancing projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a region, or a metropolitan area, it is only fitting that the Department award a TIGER grant to the project it has made the posterchild for vital infrastructure investments.

The Hudson Links program will respond to the unmet needs for better east-west travel options that residents and employees in the region seek, enhance the existing transit service across the Hudson River, and lay the foundation for Bus Rapid Transit on the New NY Bridge. This program is vital to the replacement of the Tappan Zee and enhancement of desperately-needed public transportation.

I am confident that as the Department reviews applications, Hudson Links will exceed the program goals of focusing on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for disconnected communities while emphasizing improved connection to employment, education, social services, and workforce development. The project embodies your Ladders of Opportunity initiative.

Thank you for your consideration, and I trust that the application will receive the attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress