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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the application submitted by the State of Connecticut for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant for the Transit-Intermodal Transportation Facility of the Georgetown Redevelopment Project.

I understand that the Intermodal Transportation Facility is a new investment in transit infrastructure and is a crucial component of the Georgetown Redevelopment Project, a transit oriented development. The Facility consists of a new train station along the Metro North Norwalk to Danbury rail line and a 570 space commuter garage. It is my understanding that this project will help absorb commuter congestion from the Branchville Station to the north, and the Cannondale and Wilton Stations to the south. In addition it will relieve traffic congestion along Route 7.

The Georgetown Redevelopment Project consists of the redevelopment of the former Gilbert and Bennett Wire Mill. The site, which once contained more than 700,000 square feet of mill style buildings, had been largely abandoned. The master plan for the redevelopment of the site envisions a vibrant mixed-use community. It includes single family homes, townhouses, loft style condominiums, conventional apartments and affordable housing. The project will also include retail and office space and up to 30,000 square feet of industrial space half of which will be occupied by the National Park Service, and a performing arts center.

I support the State of Connecticut's proposal for the Transit-Intermodal Transportation Facility of the Georgetown Redevelopment Project and, therefore, respectfully request that their application for TIGER grant monies receive full and fair consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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