



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Lackawanna Cutoff Culvert Restoration project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is New Jersey Transit and the project is located at 300 Roseville Road, Byram, NJ, 07821.

The funding is designated for the Lackawanna Cutoff, which is a single-track commuter rail line with passing sidings between Scranton, Pennsylvania and Port Morris, New Jersey where it would connect with NJ TRANSIT's Montclair and Boonton/Morristown Line. The 60 miles in Pennsylvania is currently being used for freight service. The 28-mile stretch from the Delaware River Bridge to Port Morris, over the Lackawanna Cut-off, is currently abandoned. Train service will operate over the 45 miles from Port Morris to Hoboken and serve New Jersey rail stations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: (1) It is an essential to restoring commuter rail service in Sussex County; (2) it will help mitigate flooding issues in the area.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Gottheimer".

Josh Gottheimer  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS