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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:

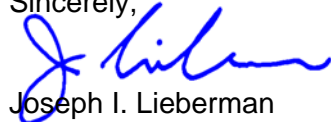
It is my pleasure to write in support of the application submitted by the State of Connecticut for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant for the Transit-Intermodal Transportation Facility of the Georgetown Redevelopment Project. I am writing today to provide an update on the progress made on this project to date.

On January 8, 2010, The State Bond Commission released \$1.3M to help build an at-grade rail crossing and make roadway improvements associated with the mixed-use development of the former Gilbert and Bennett Wire Mill property and the EPA awarded the project the National Smart Growth Achievement Award. Additionally, the Georgetown project is now in discussions with the United Nations Global Compact as a project which—consistent with the Global Compact's "Cities Programme"—advances sustainable urban solutions to economic, social and environmental issues.

The Intermodal Transportation Facility is a new investment in transit infrastructure and is a crucial component of the community's transit-oriented focus. The Facility, and up to a garage that will contain up to 570- commuter parking spaces, 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 perennially traffic-clogged Route 7.

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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