

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear President Trump and Secretary Duffy,

We write to you as Members of Congress who helped pass or supported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Public Law No: 117-58), and who continue to back robust federal investment in critical transit, rail, and infrastructure across New Jersey. Given the recent reports that the Administration announced it is “terminating” approximately \$16 billion in federal funding for the Gateway Tunnel Project¹ — a large-scale project authorized and funded by Congress — we call upon the Administration to immediately restore funding and keep this vital project on track without any additional delays.

The Gateway Tunnel Project will run 20 percent of the nation’s GDP between New York and New Jersey and improve reliability, resiliency, and redundancy for hundreds of thousands of daily passengers. The project will also make much-needed repairs on an essential stretch of the Northeast Corridor consisting of outdated, crumbling 115-year-old tunnels and create tens of thousands of good paying jobs with union partnership.² Upon completion of the Gateway Tunnel Project, four tracks will be available between New Jersey and New York under the Hudson River, which will allow for operational flexibility and redundancy for Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT rail operations to maintain current capacity.³

This project is a crucial part of our national and regional mobility and economic competitiveness. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law reflected strong bipartisan support for modernizing our nation’s infrastructure, reducing carbon emissions, expanding transit access, and driving economic growth. To terminate funding for this critical project currently under contract and construction threatens vital infrastructure improvement and undermines the bipartisanship that created the law.

¹ Gateway Program. (2025, June 12). *Hudson Tunnel Project - Gateway Program*. Gateway Program -. <https://www.gatewayprogram.org/hudson-tunnel-project.html>

² *Hudson River Tunnel Project between New York and New Jersey*. (n.d.). United States Department of Transportation. Retrieved October 1, 2025, from <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/projects/hudson-river-tunnel-project-between-new-york-and-new-jersey>

³ *Trump Says \$16 Billion Hudson River Tunnel Project Is ‘Terminated.’* (n.d.). NY Times. Retrieved October 15, 2025, from <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/15/nyregion/trump-gateway-cancellation.html>

Accordingly, we request that you immediately take the following actions:

1. Publicly retract the Administration's announcement to terminate funding for the Gateway Tunnel Project.
2. Release all withheld reimbursements and continue scheduled disbursements in line with prior commitments under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
3. Commit publicly that no additional projects approved under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be subject to similar termination or funding freezes for administrative or policy reasons outside of due process.
4. Engage with affected states, transit agencies, and congressional offices to ensure continuity and prevent cost escalations or delays.

We are prepared to work with you and the U.S. Department of Transportation to navigate any outstanding compliance or oversight questions. But, we must be clear: The federal government must honor its commitments under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Withholding billions of dollars for critical infrastructure not only undermines the Gateway Tunnel Project, but the very foundation of bipartisan support for improving our nation's infrastructure.

We look forward to your prompt response and action to resolve this matter without further delay.

Sincerely,



Josh Gottheimer
Member of Congress



Andy Kim
United States Senator



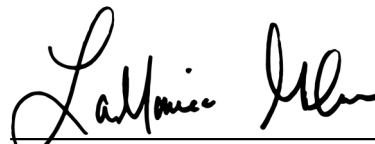
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