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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to ask the Department of Transportation to fast track the final stages of New York State's application for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) funding for the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project. The Tappan Zee Bridge is critical fixture in the lives of folks in New York's 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and the economy of the Hudson Valley. Since their initial application in 2011, New York has waited years to obtain their critical loan, so I urge you to approve its application without delay.

The Tappan Zee Bridge is a key link between home life and work life for hundreds of thousands of commuters from the Hudson Valley. My constituents rely on this bridge every morning to take them to work and every evening to return them to their families. However, the Tappan Zee is outdated and increasingly less safe. The bridge currently has an accident rate twice that of any other portion of the New York State Thruway.

Aside from safety, the constant congestion of the Tappan Zee adds unnecessary delay to my constituents' commutes, costing them and the economy time and money. The new design for the Tappan Zee Bridge will reduce crowding with new transit capabilities, expanded lanes for vehicles, and designated paths for bicyclists and pedestrians.

This project will also spur much needed economic growth and create tens of thousands of new jobs. Given the significance of this vital infrastructure, the replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge is undoubtedly one the most important transportation concerns for the region and the country.

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I look forward to working with you on your future endeavors in the Hudson Valley and nationwide. I respectfully request that you approve New York's TIFIA application immediately so that this important venture can begin. On behalf of the people of the Hudson Valley, I thank you for your consideration of my request. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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