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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
28TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

March 13, 2012

Honorable Raymond LaHood  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue  
Washington, District of Columbia 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood: *Ray*

I am pleased to lend my strong support to New York State Department of Transportation's submission of the Rochester Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) for TIGER 2012 discretionary grant funding. This regionally significant project with broad-based community support will appreciably improve the experience of travelers by providing them with a safe, accessible and up-to-date facility.

Currently, the station is being operated out of an aging, temporary facility built in 1978. Not only are there few services available for passenger comfort, but connectivity with other transportation modes is very limited.

This new station, once complete, will be truly intermodal; providing access to inter- and intra-city buses, car rentals and adequate parking. Pedestrian and bike connectivity have also been carefully considered and incorporated into the design. Passengers will travel with the peace of mind that comes from knowing they can safely and easily reach their final destination.

Customer accessibility and comfort are at the forefront of the station's design. Enhanced train access and egress and improved operational reliability through the addition of trackage and signalling will combine to reduce train dwell time at the station. The customer experience will be improved by the planned inclusion of a cafe, newsstand and a WIFI network in the facility.

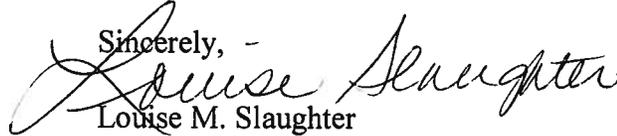
Amtrak, Genesee Transportation Council, the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the station's host city of Rochester, New York are among those who strongly support this new facility.

The benefits of the new RITC are far-reaching. The station will serve as an important gateway to downtown Rochester, Monroe County and the Finger Lakes. The area immediately surrounding the station has suffered from disinvestment for many years. It was clear during public meetings

held in November, 2011 that neighbors, business owners and community groups welcome the RITC as an economic development driver for the north eastern quadrant of Rochester.

Once again, I am pleased to support the New York State Department of Transportation's TIGER 2012 application for funding the Rochester Intermodal Transportation Center. I ask that this application be given your utmost consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely, -

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Slaughter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Louise M. Slaughter  
Member of Congress