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Chairwoman Slaughter Issues Statement After Federal Highway Administration Releases Decision on Peace Bridge

Buffalo, NY - Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28) today issued the following statement after the Federal Highway Administration issued a decision to allow a shorter, signature bridge design to move forward without lengthy environmental studies:

"This decision by the Federal Highway Administration is great news for Western New York. It will allow us to continue to move forward with the Peace Bridge Expansion Project and greatly facilitate travel and trade across the Peace Bridge. This

decision is very encouraging for those of us who have seen this project hit delay after delay.

However, while this is an important step, the decision does not address the looming issue of the bridge plaza and its impact on the local community. I continue to believe that Shared Border Management presents the best possible solution to the security and legal issues facing a new Peace Bridge Plaza and it will prevent people in the historic Peace Bridge neighborhood from being displaced."

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