



April 29, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: CenterState NY Intermodal Commerce Center Project

Dear Secretary Foxx-

The Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) is supportive of the Port of Oswego Authority's application to the 2016 TIGER Grant program to develop an inland port and commerce center in Onondaga County and rail extensions in Cayuga County. The rail extensions will support numerous manufacturing and distribution companies in our county, including some of our largest employers, by improving logistics, reducing costs, and providing greater access to the global economy through easier connections to the Port of Oswego and Port of NY & NJ. CCIDA is particularly interested in the portion of rail proposed to service Cayuga Milk Ingredients as it is located in our Aurelius Industrial Park. In addition to benefiting existing and forthcoming tenants, extending rail service to the industrial park will be a valuable tool for attracting new businesses to the park. We are already in the process of acquiring additional land that would provide site control for a route from the existing rail line to the park. As such, we look forward to working with you and our regional partners to move this project forward.

Sincerely,



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