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Douglas A. Selby
City Manager

June 3, 2015

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

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In addition to opening market opportunities, the rail project could have an environmental benefit. We are planning to close our city landfill within the next 10 years because of capacity and economic issues. Replacing the landfill with railway based transfer station to move our refuse to a larger landfill or resource reclamation facility is one of the options that could become feasible with the implementation of the Port's rail proposal.

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