

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary:

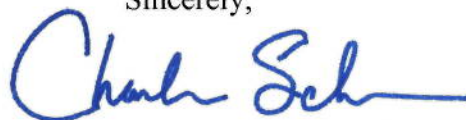
I am pleased to write in support of the Port of Oswego Authority's application for funding under the *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)* grant program. Such funding will enable the Port of Oswego Authority to develop a regionally transformative, intrastate export route for CenterState NY manufacturers, improving their access to more cost-effective and efficient rail connections to both the Port of Oswego and the Port of New York and New Jersey.

The Port of Oswego Authority is located on Lake Ontario and is accessible from any international port in the world. Its strategic location makes it a leader as a domestic partner and leading international port. The port takes in nearly 120 vessels and has more than one million tons of cargo move through it on an annual basis.

With funding, the Port of Oswego Authority will develop its project, CenterState NY Passage. This project will develop an Inland Port to warehouse, containerize, and ship regional products for international export through the Port of Oswego and the Port of NY/NJ in Elizabeth, NJ. In addition, funding will enable construction of three critical railroad extensions off of the PS&W line to connect high growth exporters and a high potential manufacturing site to the CenterState NY Passage. This project will greatly reduce shipping costs for local and regional manufacturers, as well as increase international exports for regional companies. The project will also create new jobs at the Inland Port. I applaud the Port of Oswego Authority for its foresight and sincerely hope the application meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Marissa Emanuel, in my Washington office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator