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Director Vought, Secretary Duffy, and Administrator Molinaro,

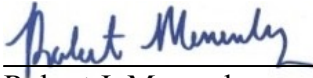
As you know, the Hudson Tunnel Project is the largest infrastructure project in the country and is the recipient of the largest bipartisan federal investment for a transportation project in United States history. This project is a long overdue investment in our regional and national economy, creating 95,000 jobs and generating \$19.6 billion in economic activity from construction alone. When complete, this project will provide reliable, on-time cross-Hudson transportation service to 200,000 passengers every day. The construction of this project is already underway, with several pieces near completion, and major milestones are consistently being met on schedule and on budget. Between the progress already made and the economic benefits of this project, it is essential that construction on this project continue without interruption. Therefore, we urge you to immediately reverse your decision to withhold funds for this project.

Transit travel demands between New Jersey and Manhattan have been rising for decades. The Access to the Region's Core ("ARC") commuter rail project was designed to help meet this rising demand. Unfortunately, then-Governor Christie made the ill-advised decision to cancel this project in 2011, setting our region back significantly. Had the project never been canceled, ARC would have generated countless jobs, income, business activity, and improved air quality for our constituents. Our region would have been reaping its benefits for over seven years. We now have the opportunity to correct this immense lost opportunity. The Hudson Tunnel Project makes good on these unrealized benefits, and we must continue to move our region forward. We cannot fathom why the Trump Administration would make a similarly ill-advised action that would delay this critically important project for even a moment.

Further, your announcement withholding funding for the Hudson Tunnel Project comes at a time when Democratic leaders from New York are in Washington, D.C. working to keep the government open and restore healthcare for millions of Americans. It is abundantly clear that the withholding of these funds is politically motivated, as evidenced by the [Department of Transportation's statement](#) attempting to blame Leaders Schumer and Jeffries for delaying this newly announced review of funds. These political games are unacceptable, and the American people deserve better. We urge you to immediately cease your obstruction of this vital project and instead focus on providing real relief for the American people.

Given the urgency of this situation and the thousands of hardworking Americans who are driving this project forward every single day, we expect a prompt response and quick corrective action.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Menendez
Member of Congress



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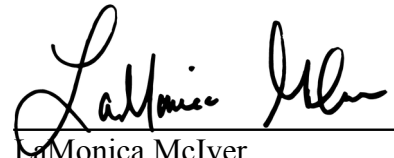
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