

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 17, 2013

Secretary Anthony Foxx  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

We are delighted that as our nation's new Secretary of Transportation, you have taken a proactive approach to improving our nation's infrastructure to meet the needs of the 21st century. Your recent trip to Florida to announce a TIGER V grant for the South Florida Freight and Passenger Rail Enhancement project was a great success and we look forward to future visits.

We are writing you today about the *All Aboard Florida* high speed inter-city passenger rail project, which is currently under development. This privately owned and operated passenger rail system has an ambitious development timeline and plans to start operations between Orlando International Airport and downtown Miami by the end of 2015. As you know, Florida's tourism-based economy is dependent on an efficient and dependable transportation system. The *All Aboard Florida* project has potential to modernize and upgrade a busy transportation corridor, which would boost Florida's economy and also improve travel for visitors to our region.

The high speed rail connection between Florida's two major travel destinations, Miami and Orlando, will likely create thousands of jobs and have a lasting positive impact on Florida's economy and transportation system. Furthermore, it fulfills the Administration's desire to have high speed rail systems built to alleviate freight transportation systems throughout our nation.

This project will also demonstrate that the United States can still draw upon its entrepreneurial spirit to deliver a first-rate high speed rail system, which will serve as a model for other regions with similar strong city-pair connectivity.

As the regulatory partner in this project, we request that the USDOT and Federal Railroad Administration continue to work proactively and expeditiously to make sure that *All Aboard Florida* can meet their deadlines for this project. If successful, *All Aboard Florida* will be the only high-speed rail project to become operational during the Administration's current term; we therefore urge the USDOT to closely monitor the regulatory and approval process to ensure that key decisions, undertaken with appropriate consideration and deliberation, are made promptly and without unnecessary delays.

If possible, the delegation would appreciate quarterly updates from your staff on this project's development and any issues that arise. Thank you for your support and consideration of this matter.

We greatly look forward to working with you.

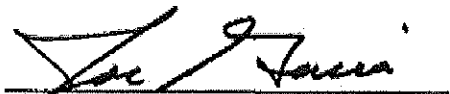
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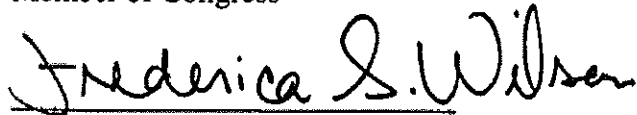
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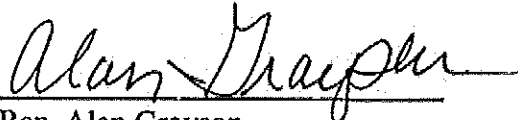
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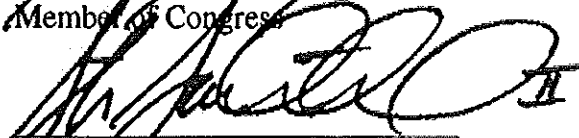
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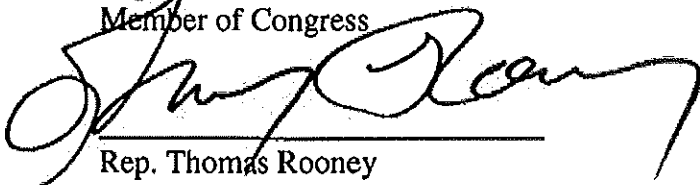
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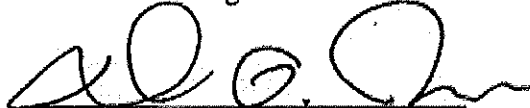
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