

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 15, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, Southeast  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write in strong support of the application submitted by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) under the FY18 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program to further the development of Intercity Amtrak Rail Service at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island.


In 2017, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) completed a feasibility study for intercity rail service to T.F. Green Airport. CRISI funding would allow RIDOT, in partnership with Amtrak, to advance the preferred alternative identified by the FRA and support preliminary engineering and environmental review work on a new Amtrak stop at the existing T.F. Green Airport commuter rail station.

This important project would expand transportation options for domestic and international visitors arriving or departing T.F. Green airport, as well as increase access, connectivity, and ridership along the Northeast Corridor. Additionally, the introduction of intercity Amtrak service would help accelerate commercial development of City Centre Warwick, a growing economic development encompassing the commuter rail station and airport.

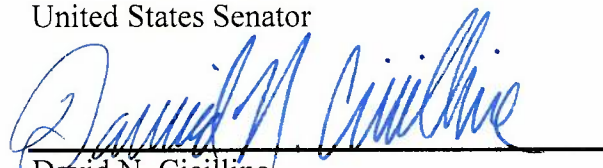
We support this project and ask for your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations. If we can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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Jack Reed  
United States Senator

  
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Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator

  
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