

October 27, 2015

Re: URGENT. Action Needed Now.

Please Ask Your Congressional District Representative to Get on Board

Dear Mayor:

The Gateway Project would repair and improve New Jersey's crucial rail link to New York. It is vital to the economy, the quality of life and the future of New Jersey. Imagine the impact on our State's economy, the traffic impact on our roads, the devastating impact on the quality of life and the impact on property values, if our rail link with midtown Manhattan were to be severed. After assessing the strains that the passage of time, intense usage and Sandy have placed on the infrastructure, Amtrak CEO Joseph Boardman announced that, in less than 20 years, one or both of the tunnels would have to be shut down. The cost of doing nothing will far exceed the cost of the project.

A commitment must now be made to begin real work on the Gateway Project. Senators Booker and Menendez are leading the fight in Washington to secure the needed funding. Governor Christie supports the project. But we now need all those who represent our State in the House of Representatives to get on board.

Please join us in urging our Congressional delegation to unite on an urgent matter that will aid our State, our municipalities and our fellow citizens now, and for years to come. The deadline for Congress to act on this is Just days away. *Please act by October 29.* A copy of a model letter you can adapt is available on our website. Here are the links. <https://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/6470>

Please add your own thoughts to the letter, print it on your municipal letterhead, sign it and fax it back to your Congressional Representative and also to the League at 609-695-0151. We will forward all copies we receive to each of New Jersey's 12 delegates, serving us in the U.S. House of Representatives. Our united efforts can make a difference.

Please use these resources to urge Congress to support this vital project. Contact Jon Moran if you have any questions or concerns. He can be reached at jmoran@njslom.org or 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Sincerely yours,

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NJLM and Mayor
Piscataway Township