

United States Senate

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The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

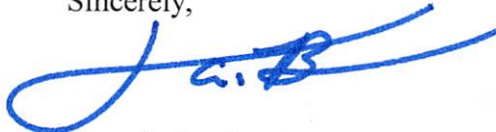
Dear Administrator Bose:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Morristown & Erie Railway (ME) for funding through the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program for Fiscal Years 2023-2024. The Morristown & Erie Railway Service Expansion, Capacity and Safety Improvement Project will provide more efficient freight rail operations along a nine-mile railway that runs from Morristown, New Jersey to Roseland, New Jersey. Boosting the reliability of this railway also benefits other freight rail carriers and NJ TRANSIT's passenger rail service which use the rail lines as well.

This project will replace five-track miles of 75-year-old lite-weight jointed rail and eight switches with 115-pound or larger rail. The project scope includes adding a 1,000-foot extension of railroad siding, installing 3,000 new cross ties, and surfacing the track. These updates will protect the public by minimizing derailments and reducing noise levels by decreasing the number of rail joints and strengthening existing ones. Updating and improving this rail infrastructure will help ME expand its operations to manage the increase of freight coming in from the Port of New York and New Jersey, which every month is one of the two busiest container ports in the country.

I ask that you give all due consideration to this meritorious grant proposal and thank you in advance for your attention to this important project. Should you have any questions, please contact me or my staff at (973) 639-8700.

Sincerely,



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator