

## United States Senate

July 12, 2024

The Honorable Veronica Vanterpool  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Vanterpool:

I write in support of the application submitted by NJ TRANSIT on behalf of NY Waterway (NYWW) to the Federal Transit Administration's Passenger Ferry Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024. This proposed project will allow NYWW to acquire and install a new wave attenuator that will protect the vessel fleet and improve service and reliability.

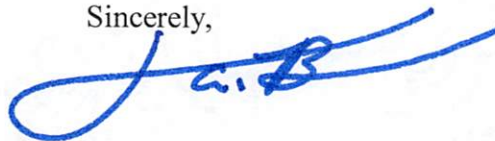
NYWW maintains a fleet of 37 ferry boats at their maintenance facility in Weehawken, New Jersey, transporting 20,000 daily passengers across 24 ferry routes. This vital ferry network transports commuters between waterfront communities in northern New Jersey and employment hubs in Manhattan.

NYWW is in the process of planning and designing a new maintenance facility; a key component is the replacement of the current wave attenuator built in the 1990s. Rising sea levels in New York Harbor have resulted in higher tides and higher intensity waves, causing NYWW to frequently shift their vessels around the facility to minimize damage. A new wave attenuator is essential to protect both the fleet and the new facility from this threat and ensure safe and reliable service.

FTA funding will not only protect NYWW's ferry vessels and shoreline infrastructure but will also protect homes and businesses in the immediate vicinity. A completed project will significantly boost community safety, improve service, and extend the life of NYWW's vessels and facility while also substantially reducing annual maintenance costs.

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