

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 18, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

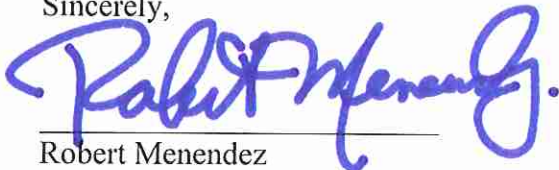
We are writing to express our support for the City of Camden's application for a U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for the Camden Connections for the Future Project. This project seeks to improve connections for Camden residents to increase economic opportunity, and provide Camden's growing workforce with safer, more efficient travel options. We hope you will give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

If awarded, this project would fund three main components that will help fill a critical void in the transportation system by providing significant economic development opportunities, improving the safety and quality of life of City residents, and advancing sustainability efforts. The first part of the project will improve the 7th Street gateway that connects downtown Camden to the North Camden neighborhood and the iconic Benjamin Franklin Bridge. The second, improvements to the Cooper Poynt roadway, will upgrade the vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The final stage of the project, the Cooper Street traffic improvements, will significantly upgrade the critical artery that runs through the heart of downtown Camden.

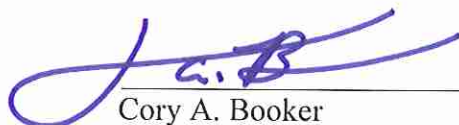
Since 2013, Camden has made great strides as a city on the rise and as a result of the Economic Opportunity Act, will see over \$2 Billion in private sector investments. As you know, the City of Camden has been designated a federal Promise Zone, the Camden County Metro Police Division is now a national model of community policing, Camden's educational and medical institutions are working to create a regionally significant health care zone, and a \$1 Billion investment in the Camden Waterfront was announced in 2015.

The City of Camden serves as a gateway to the State of New Jersey and improvements such as those proposed in the City's TIGER application are critical to providing a safe and reliable transportation infrastructure to the residents of Camden, and the region. We ask that you give all due consideration to this meritorious grant proposal, and thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator