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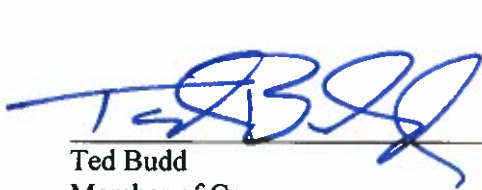
Speaker Paul Ryan
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Thank you for your service to our country, the state of Wisconsin, this House, and to our Conference. On September 6th, 2017, 155 House Republicans made their opposition to the \$900 million Gateway earmark known. As you may know, the project's estimated cost has exploded, from \$13.5 billion in 2011 to \$29.5 billion in 2017. At this time, the state share of this spending for the largest element of Gateway, the Hudson Tunnel, is zero percent. The Hudson Tunnel would also be the largest yearly cost ever funded in the Capital Investment Grant account, a fact which would delay or halt the completion of dozens of other worthy transit projects around the country.

In light of these facts, and the fact that the \$29.5 billion estimated cost is highly likely to rise even further (New York City is the most expensive rail construction environment in the world), we write to urge that the \$900 million Gateway earmark be excluded from the omnibus spending legislation.

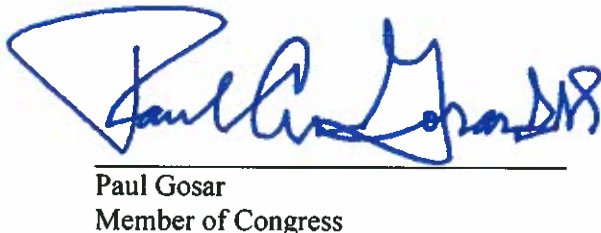
Sincerely,



Ted Budd
Member of Congress



Jeff Duncan
Member of Congress



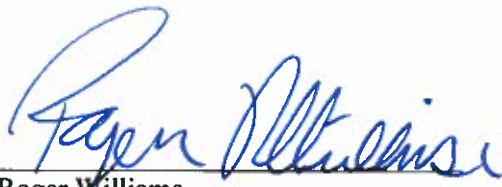
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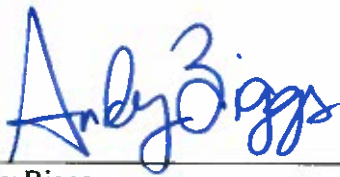
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