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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: CFDA number 20.314, FOA number FR-RLD-15-003

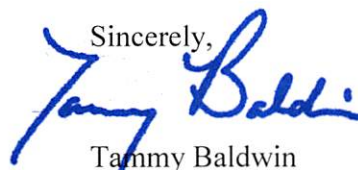
Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to support the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) application for funding through the 2015 Railroad Safety Grants for the Safe Transportation of Energy Products by Rail Program. Funding will assist WisDOT, in partnership with the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR), in their efforts to enhance public safety along rail lines that transport energy products in Wisconsin.

A significant amount of crude oil is transported through Wisconsin on the Canadian Pacific Railway. To heighten rail safety in Waukesha County, WisDOT is seeking funding to install safety measures on a corridor of the Canadian Pacific Railway located in or near the cities of Oconomowoc, Oconomowoc Lake, Hartland, and Pewaukee. This section of rail is also a part of AMTRAK's Empire Builder Route. It is my understanding that improvements along the corridor include enhanced signage and pavement markings, as well as the installation of either raised medians or four-quadrant gates at rail crossings to create segments of a sealed rail corridor. Train detection circuitry will also be upgraded, allowing lighting and gates at rail crossings to function with greater reliability. WisDOT and the OCR believe these precautionary measures will improve public safety at rail crossings in Waukesha.

I strongly support efforts to promote rail safety in Wisconsin communities. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's application for funding. Please keep Hanna Homestead in my office informed on the progress of this application and contact her if you should have further questions or concerns. She may be reached in my Madison office at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700 in Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at (608) 264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator