

United States Senate

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The Honorable David Armstrong Fink
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fink,

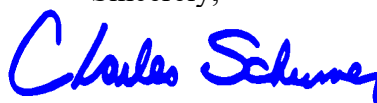
I write in support of New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway's (NYS&W) application to the Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. With funding, NYS&W will pursue the installation of new welded rail, new ties, and renewed ballast and surfacing.

The CRISI Program seeks to fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of freight rail. NYS&W's application aligns seamlessly with these goals. The proposed project will include the installation of continuous welded rail (CWR) on NYS&W's Northern Division; and the installation of 4.5 miles of new 136RE CWR, approximately 1,500 new ties, and 4.5 miles of renewed ballast and surfacing on the NYS&W in Cortland County, New York. This project is part of NYS&W's long-term, phased program to improve the safety, reliability, and efficiency of its Northern Division through targeted installation of CWR. These upgrades will build upon prior CWR improvements across key portions of the corridor, which were supported by CRISI investment. NYS&W's proposal will ensure long-term safety and operational and economic benefits in the supply chain for the railroad's customers.

This project enhances railroad safety for rail operators and community members while supporting long-term investment in critical infrastructure. Through reducing maintenance requirements, this project will improve track efficiency to better serve regional and national rail shippers. An investment from CRISI will bring this urgent project across the finish line, delivering timely results for Cortland County and Central New York.

I applaud NYS&W for its foresight and sincerely hope the application is met with your approval. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Grants Director, Kaia Moore, in my Washington, D.C. office at grants@schumer.senate.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
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