



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 24, 2026

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

Dear Administrator Fink,

I am writing to express my support for the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) application, submitted on behalf of the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program, for federal funding through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. It is my understanding that, if selected, IDOT will use these funds to advance the Rock Island Connection project (P2), which is part of the broader 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project.

To my knowledge, the CREATE Program is one of the largest public-private partnerships in the nation focused on improving rail efficiency, safety, and reliability. It is my belief that the P2 project will help reduce conflicts between freight and passenger rail traffic, improve travel times, and strengthen the performance of both regional and national rail operations. The project's anticipated benefits, including improved freight flows, reduced delays, and enhanced passenger rail reliability, stand to support economic activity and supply chain resilience not only in the Chicago region but across the country.

I respectfully urge the Federal Railroad Administration to give full and fair consideration, consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, to the Illinois Department of Transportation's application for the CREATE Program's Rock Island Connection (P2) project.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my office at 773-799-8219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Delia C. Ramirez".

Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress - 3rd District of Illinois