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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
25TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK
May 29, 2013

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590-0001

RE: City of Rochester Inner Loop East Reconstruction Project

Dear Ray,

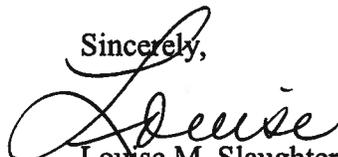
I am writing to express my support for the City of Rochester's Inner Loop East Reconstruction Project through the FY 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grants Program. This funding will be used to remove a deteriorated and underutilized section of the Inner Loop Expressway and replace it with an at-grade boulevard and more than nine acres of land for redevelopment.

In 2006 I secured funding for the design and environmental work related to this project understanding that traffic volumes no longer support the need for the Inner Loop. In fact, this expressway has become a physical barrier between downtown Rochester and adjacent thriving neighborhoods including the Neighborhood of the Arts.

I have long been a supporter of projects that improve access to downtown Rochester by multiple modes of transportation including mass transit, biking and walking. The Inner Loop East Reconstruction Project is another important step toward returning downtown Rochester and its surrounding neighborhoods to the vibrant urban center that it once was.

Rochester continues to be a leader in optics, imaging and health care with a unique history of innovation and entrepreneurship but in order to continue to be a global leader we must invest in our infrastructure at home. I am convinced that this strategic investment will lead to more people choosing Rochester as a place to live and work.

I appreciate your full consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress

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