

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2016

Chairman John J. Degnan
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
4 World Trade Center
New York City, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Degnan:

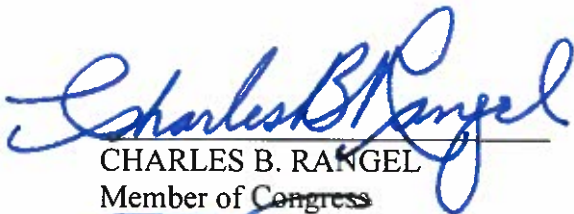
As the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) works towards repairing the George Washington Bridge, we urge you to bring the bridge paths into compliance with national standards. The United States Department of Transportation provided regulations and recommendations that address minimum design standards and requirements for the safety of bicycling and walking networks. We hope PANYNJ proactively collaborates with the nonmotorized community and applies the national standards to the George Washington Bridge as well as future infrastructure projects to come.

Infrastructure investment plays an important role in improving the lives within local communities. By making critical investments in bicycling and walking paths, we are fueling economic growth, increasing safety for nonmotorized transportation, reducing vehicle emissions and congestion, and promoting physical activity. The costs of underinvestment in infrastructure are massive. Committing our time and money to advance pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities is a commitment to the American people and the future of America.

As one of the densest metropolitan areas in America, New York City and New Jersey cannot afford to ignore the problems that arise because of our aging infrastructure. We must commit to shoring up our 20th century infrastructure that simply cannot keep up with the demands of the 21st century. Please stand with us in ensuring that our current and future infrastructure plans meet national standards and involves all necessary stakeholders, especially users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities.

Feel free to contact any of our offices if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



SEAN PATRICK MALONEY
Member of Congress



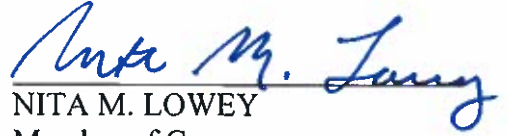
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