



**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**

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Dear Mr. Bearak:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Cross Harbor Freight Movement Project. As you know the Port Authority's Board of Commissioners recently authorized a Regional Goods Movement Program that includes the development of a comprehensive long-term goods movement plan and the assumption of local sponsorship of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Cross Harbor Freight Movement Project. Currently, we are working with the federal oversight agencies to formally transfer the project and to determine how the EIS will be restarted.

The Port Authority looks forward to sharing the proposed work plan and receiving comments from the Queens Civic Congress and other stakeholders. The Port Authority recognizes that the study must include an assessment of impacts on local communities. It is the intention of the Port Authority to use this opportunity to provide an objective analysis of how rail freight might be integrated into the region's transportation system to serve consumers and businesses in New York City and Long Island.

Sincerely,

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