

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

September 6, 2018

Mr. James M. Foote
President and Chief Executive Officer
CSX Corporation
500 Water Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mr. Foote:

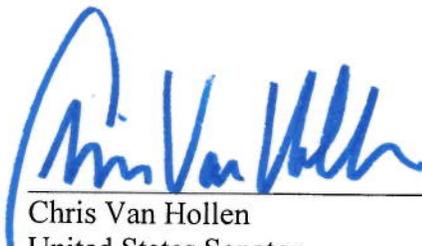
We are writing to request an update on the status of your plans for the Howard Street Tunnel project in Baltimore City, Maryland.

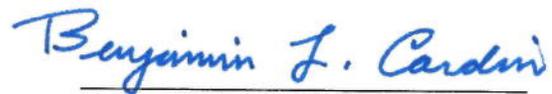
It has been over eight months since you met with the Congressional Delegation and representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation on the cancellation of this project. During that meeting we expressed our frustration at the abrupt announcement cancelling the program without adequate explanation and after years of effort by Maryland's Congressional delegation to secure federal funding for this project. Following that meeting, you agreed to keep an open mind about the project and committed to re-examining the decision to cancel it. You also committed to continuing dialogue with the Delegation on your thinking about possibly reviving the project.

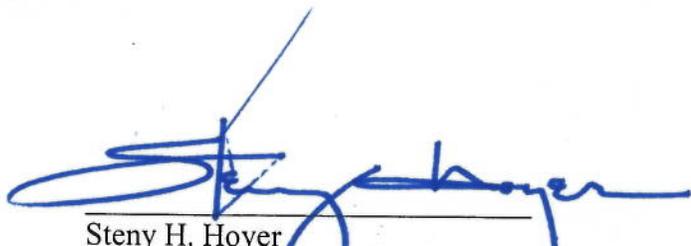
Recent press reports indicate that there may be some favorable movement on the part of CSX to revisit the project. A July 29, 2018 article in the Journal of Commerce states that, "CSX, for example, appears to be rethinking its decision to pull back on expanding the Howard Street Tunnel Project, something the Port of Baltimore needs in order to achieve double-stack access and thereby extend its inland reach." Additionally, the Baltimore Sun recently published an editorial titled, "Howard Tunnel Revival Still Possible." We couldn't agree more.

As the Port of Baltimore continues to see record growth both of international cargo value and volume, a solution to the Howard Street Tunnel bottle-neck is more important than ever. We hope that you agree and look forward to hearing from you regarding CSX's plans for the Howard Street Tunnel Project.

Sincerely,


Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator


Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator



Steny H. Hoyer
Member of Congress



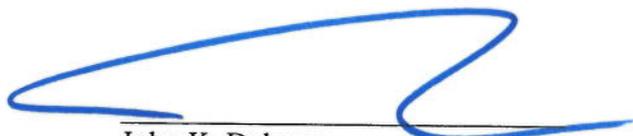
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Member of Congress



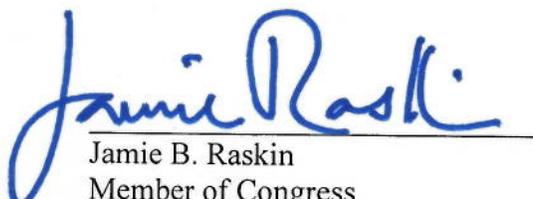
John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress



John K. Delaney
Member of Congress



Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress



Jamie B. Raskin
Member of Congress

cc: Governor Larry Hogan
Pete Rahn, Secretary, MDOT

Attachments:

July 29, 2018 *Journal of Commerce* Article, "Harrison's Unfinished Legacy at CSX"
August 27, 2018 *Baltimore Sun* Editorial, "Howard Tunnel Revival Still Possible"