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Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

As a representative, I am consistently on the lookout for projects with the potential to both attract visitors to our community, as well as serve area residents. I write today in support of the Dutchess County and Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association's (HVRTA) application to complete the eight-mile trail connection between the Village of Millerton and Under Mountain Road in the Town of Ancram: the tunnel crossing of State Route 22 at the intersection of State Route 22 and Orphan Farm Rd (Copake Falls); and three pedestrian bridges to connect to the trail at Black Grocery Rd in Copake. These three components will finish approximately 28 miles of trail from Wassaic (Dutchess County) to Hillsdale (Columbia County), linking to New York City via Metro North Railroad. Upon completion the entire trail will be 46 miles.

At a time when people are actively looking to engage with all of the natural resources that the Hudson Valley has to offer, this project will join two counties, NY State Parks, and a not-for-profit in a project which will become a popular destination for those within, and well beyond, the local communities. The project has the potential to bring people and communities together in our region like never before and I have no doubt that area businesses will receive a needed boost as a result as well.

I have the utmost confidence in the ability of the HVRTA to ensure the success of this project and I am hopeful that you and the review committee will look favorably upon their application so that this project may become a reality. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Serino".

Sue Serino
NYS Senator, 41ST District

CC: Tracy Raleigh, Director, Center for Health Care Facility Planning Licensure and Finance

