

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 712

To facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Corporation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FAZIO of California, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. BORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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5 ture Development Act of 1997".

1 (B) construction, reconstruction, rehabili-
2 tation, replacement, or expansion; and

3 (C) operation and maintenance.

4 (3) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means an in-
5 dividual, corporation, partnership, joint venture,
6 trust or governmental entity or instrumentality.

7 (4) INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY.—The term
8 “infrastructure facility” means a road, highway,
9 bridge, tunnel, airport, mass transportation vehicle
10 or system, passenger rail vehicle or system, inter-
11 modal transportation facility, waterway, commercial
12 port, drinking or waste water treatment facility,
13 solid waste disposal facility, pollution control system,
14 hazardous waste facility, federally designated na-
15 tional information highway facility, school, and any
16 ancillary facility which forms a part of any such fa-
17 cility or is reasonably related to such facility, wheth-
18 er owned, leased or operated by a public entity or a
19 private entity or by a combination of such entities,
20 and the financing or refinancing of the development
21 of which is, or will be, supported in whole or in part
22 by user fees or other dedicated revenue sources.

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November 17, 1997

Mr. Andy Garfinkel
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Garfinkel,

I appreciate your efforts in bringing excellent legislation to the fore in the form of H.R. 712, The National Infrastructure Development Act of 1997.

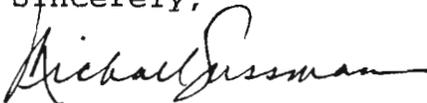
As our country so successfully demonstrated in the last century, infrastructure projects provide an ideal opportunity for leveraging limited public dollars into substantial access to private capital.

The longevity, vitality, and environmental efficiency of the freight railroad system (90% of the United States' 125,000 route miles have been operating for over 100 years), speaks to our benefits from their inclusion in any comprehensive infrastructure planning.

As I read the elements of H.R. 712, specifically sec. 4, page 5, definition (4) INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY, I have observed that freight rail projects have not been included in this important definition. I wish to point out this omission to you. Are you aware of the circumstances behind this omission? Perhaps, as in many other situations pertaining to freight railroads, there has simply been a lack of awareness.

We remain committed to assisting you in this important legislative effort.

Sincerely,



Michael Sussman
President

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 115

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FROST, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. WISE, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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22 in part by user fees or other dedicated revenue
23 sources.

24 (5) INSURANCE CORPORATION.—The term “In-
25 surance Corporation” means the National Infra-

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to thank you for your support of the National Infrastructure Development Act, which establishes public-private partnerships to invest in infrastructure and create jobs. As you may know, this bill has been reintroduced in the 106th Congress as H.R. 115.

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the bill has been modified to make freight rail projects eligible for financing through the proposed National Infrastructure Development Corporation. I agree with your assessment that encouraging public-private investments in shortline and other freight rail can only enhance the effectiveness of our nation's transportation system. As commerce increases, freight rail can supplement the flow of goods and supplies to our most populated urban areas, particularly as these regions continue to grow. Increased rail development will also improve environmental quality by limiting the exponential rate of use of our already congested urban roadways.

During the coming months, I will be seeking support from both the private sector and from my colleagues in order to advance H.R. 115. I would encourage the businesses and organizations you work with to contact their own representatives and senators to help advance this important legislation.

Thank you again for sharing your interest in the National Infrastructure Development Act. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress