

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

January 25, 2025

Mr. Matthew Vaeth  
Acting Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Acting Director Vaeth:

As you know, the Trump Administration has needlessly halted work to advance the release of funding appropriated by Congress and competitively awarded for projects in the State of Rhode Island and elsewhere. In particular, we are alarmed that the Administration is blocking the release of over \$600 million in competitive grant funding for more than ten Rhode Island transportation projects. These grants include over \$220 million for the Interstate-195 Washington Bridge, which has been partially closed since December 2023 due to a catastrophic failure, and more than \$250 million to address 15 bridges along Rhode Island's busy I-95 corridor, which span critical rail and roadway infrastructure.

These are essential projects that have already been evaluated and selected in a competitive process for funding.

Lingering uncertainty about the status of funding threatens to disrupt work on these essential infrastructure projects, which could have negative ramifications for state and local budgets, preventing projects from being completed on time, threatening good-paying jobs, and harming our economy. We ask that you promptly confirm that all of these funds, as well as others being held for review, will be released to the State.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

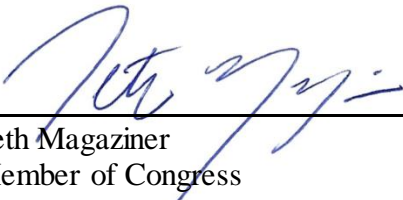
Sincerely,



Jack Reed  
United States Senator



Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator



Seth Magaziner  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress