

October 20, 2010

The Honorable Christopher Christie
Governor, State of New Jersey
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Dear Governor Christie,

We write to express our support for the Access to the Region's Core (ARC) project, and urge you to move forward with the project.

The ARC project will cut commute times, increase the reliability of NJ Transit trains, reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs and housing opportunities, drive economic growth into the right places and boost property values.

Despite the undeniable benefits and need for ARC, we understand there are concerns about cost overruns for the project. We applaud your efforts to rein in costs— but also urge you to work with the Port Authority of NY/NJ and the Federal Transit Administration to keep the project on time, on budget and moving forward. Through cooperation among the three lead agencies, we trust that a solution can be developed to address the funding of this transformative project.

We were pleased to see the announcement of a two-week extension to consider options for the tunnel. We urge that all parties involved will use this time to find a solution that will allow this vital project to proceed.

Sincerely,

American Council of Engineering Companies of New Jersey
Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Local 84
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ
DE BIASSE & SEMINARA ARCHITECTS, PC
Edison Chamber of Commerce
Environment NJ
Fair Share Housing Center
Fund for Environment and Urban Life
Greater Newark Conservancy
Greater Philadelphia Bicycle Coalition
GreenFaith
Housing and Community Development Network of NJ
Hudson County Central Labor Council AFL-CIO
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers- Local 604

National Conference of Firemen and Oilers District of Local 32BJ/SEIU
New Jersey American Planning Association
New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition
New Jersey Environmental Lobby
New Jersey Future
Next Step: People with Disabilities for Social and Economic Justice, Inc.
New Jersey PIRG
New Jersey Policy Perspective
Pinelands Preservation Alliance
PlanSmart NJ
Pratt Center for Community Development
Regional Plan Association
Tri-State Transportation Campaign
Upper Raritan Watershed Association
United Transportation Union-NJ
Young Real Estate Professionals of New Jersey