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## GATEWAY PROGRAM STATEMENT MARKING 109<sup>th</sup> "BIRTHDAY" OF HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL AND PORTAL BRIDGE

"Both the current Hudson River Tunnel and Portal Bridge entered revenue service on this date in 1910. Is it really a happy birthday when you're 109 years old and still working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year?"

As we head into the upcoming holiday, we are thankful this critical infrastructure is still with us as a vital link in the entire Northeast Corridor, which supports 20% of the nation's economy. But the bottom line is these workhorses are badly in need of replacement.

Our wish this holiday season is for the U.S. Department of

Transportation to finally approve the Hudson Tunnel EIS. We seek their partnership for the ongoing support of both the Portal North Bridge and Hudson Tunnel projects so we can finally start full construction on a 21<sup>st</sup> Century rail system worthy of this region and nation."



*This statement can be attributed to:*

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