

Testimony of GDC Commissioner Nominee Amy Rosen
Before the NJ Senate Judiciary Committee
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Good morning, Mr. Chairman; I am honored to appear before you today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Governor Murphy for nominating me to oversee New Jersey's interest in the Gateway Program as a Commissioner of the Gateway Development Commission. I also want to thank Senate President Nicholas Scutari, the entire Essex County Senate delegation: Senator Burgess, Governor Codey, Senator Gill, and Senator Ruiz; and you Chairman Stack, Vice Chair Pou and the rest of the members of this committee.

I have long been a passionate advocate for replacement and reconstruction of this Newark to New York segment of the Northeast Rail Corridor. In fact, I believe that the Gateway Program is the most urgent infrastructure program in America. This comprehensive rail investment program will improve reliability, resiliency, and redundancy in addition to creating much needed new capacity for the Northeast Corridor. Replacement of the Portal North Bridge and successful completion of the new Hudson Tunnel Project will be a major game changer for New Jersey and all of our residents.

As the Vice Chair of NJ Transit for 8 years, and subsequently as a member of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a similar period, I have been an ardent proponent of this project for more than two decades, and I have worked closely throughout that time with both state and federal transportation leaders to move this project forward. I believe now that given the recent funding opportunities and strong team that Governor Murphy has assembled, we will be successful in getting this project across the finish line. In my various roles, dating way back to my term as a Deputy Commissioner of NJ Department of Transportation, I have had many opportunities to work on large public construction projects as well as having worked often with Kris Kolluri, the CEO of the Gateway Development Commission. I am confident that we will have a productive relationship and together make certain this project is completed as fast as possible.

Mr. Chairman, if this Committee votes to confirm my appointment, I will be a constructive and active member of the Commission, committed to safeguarding our state's interest in the timely and successful completion of the Gateway Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend and testify at today's Judiciary Committee meeting.