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President
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Director Peter Alviti
RI Department of Transportation

John P. Hake
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RE: RIDOT's FY 2018 INFRA Grant Application Providence Viaduct Northbound Project

Christopher Riely
Treasurer
Providence

Dear Director Alviti:

Louis Lariviere
Secretary
North Providence

On behalf of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC), I am pleased to submit this letter in full support of RIDOT's FY2018 INFRA Grant Application to advance and construct a new and important bridge highway improvement at the crucial I-95 Providence Viaduct Northbound.

Ayana Bass
Providence

I-95 is the key component to the economic activity in Providence, not only as Rhode Island's capital city but an important link in the New York City to Boston component of the Northeast Megaregion.

Steve Bautista
Marketing Specialist

Donald T. Burns
Smithfield

A properly functioning highway system is a key component to the future of the entire area. In addition, we believe that this potential \$264 million project – with the help of the \$60 million INFRA funding – will help to create economic opportunity both in allowing faster, more efficient commerce through Rhode Island's busiest commercial corridor, and directly by adding much-needed construction jobs.

Scott Geller
Smithfield

Jack A. Gold
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Laureen Ratti
Fidelity, Smithfield

Communities in our region have long sought the kinds of improvements outlined in this INFRA Grant Application for the safety and well-being of our traveling public. In the past, repeated attempts to fix crumbling bridges and stop queuing of cars in this well-traveled commercial area have been stymied by lack of proper infrastructure funding. Because we must seize this window of opportunity to rebuild this critical transportation infrastructure, we at the WRWC enthusiastically support RIDOT's INFRA Grant Application and look forward to working with your Department in advancing the reconstruction of the most vital east-west link in our transportation infrastructure in our state today. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Zane Silva
Providence

Douglas Stephens
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Sincerely,

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