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February 16, 2012

Mr Joel Szabat Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy U S Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington DC 20590

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Szabat

In accordance with Section 1511 of P L 111-5, "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" (ARRA), enclosed please find one (1) certification that \$22,000,000 00 in railroad investments for Maryland have received the full review and vetting required by law and are an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars

These certifications are provided for the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) ARRA projects that have been approved by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Additional certifications will be provided at a later date to account for transportation projects receiving discretionary grant program awards

I thank you for your support for transportation infrastructure needs in Maryland If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Beverley K Swaim-Staley, Secretary of Transportation She can be reached at 410-865-0001 or at bswaim-staley@mdot state md us Of course, please feel free to contact me directly

Sincerely

Governor

Attachment

cc Ms Beverley K Swaim-Staley, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

## CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub L 111-5 (Feb 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), I Martin O'Malley\*, hereby certify that the infrastructure investments totaling \$22,000,000 00 funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the heading "Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service" to the Federal Railroad Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is provided on the Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is available to the public at http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Planning/STIPandTIP/STIPandTIP and linked to Recovery gov

I understand that my State or local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted

Martin O'Malley

Governor of Maryland

Signed this <u>16</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2012

\*In accordance with section 1511 of ARRA, the Certifying Official may be either the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate

Attachment

Maryland Departmet of Transportation AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PROJECTS PROJECTS MPO/NEPA APPROVED Certification of MD project funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA to the Federal Railroad Administration

State Contract No	Administering Office	Transit Project Description	Total Project Cost	ARRA Funded Amount
	Maryland Department of Transportation	Susquehanna River Rallroad Bridge Amendment The \$22 million for Maryland will go toward preliminary engineering (PE) and environmental studies required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for a new bridge across the Susquehanna River between Perryville and Havre de Grace The existing bridge owned by Amtrak, was opened in 1906 and carries over 100 Amtrak MARC and freight trains each weekday Amtrak and MARC both forecast that the number of trains using the bridge will more than double in the next two decades	\$ 22 000 000 00	\$ 22 000 000 00
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