

# ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Erie County Legislature  
Attn: Ms. Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Attached for Clock-In to the public record of the Erie County Legislature, please find a Resolution from Barbara Miller-Williams expressing Support for the Restoration of Funding for the High Density Transportation Program in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2015.

Thank You for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Miller-Williams".

Barbara Miller-Williams  
Erie County Legislator  
District 1

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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED**

**BY LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS**

**RE: Urging Congress to Restore Funding for High Density Transportation Program in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2015**

WHEREAS, THE House of Representatives recently supported an amendment which eliminated a program which provided additional mass transit funding for seven high density states in the Northeast including New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) is facing a major fiscal deficit in the upcoming years despite having managed its operations efficiently and effectively according to its 2013 financial assessment; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this important program will have the effect of reducing funding to the NFTA by over 20 million dollars over next six year period; and will result in the NFTA having to seek a 25% increase in fees from its riders while providing less actual service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Members of Congress have an opportunity to reverse the harmful impact of the amendment to STRR-2015 imposed on the NFTA and its thousands of riders by restoring funding for the High Density Transportation Program in the STRR-2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the restoration of funding for the program which provides additional funding for mass transit in high density areas of the Northeast thereby eliminating the need of imposing a significant burdens upon those least able to afford it; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Honorable Brian Higgins and Honorable Chris Collins and Governor Andrew Cuomo.