

June 15, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

re: 2020 CRISI application of New Hampshire Northcoast Corp. (NHN)

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write to request that the United States Department of Transportation give full consideration to the proposal submitted by New Hampshire Northcoast Corp. (NHN) in response to the 2020 Consolidated Railroad Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program's Notice of Funding Opportunity. NHN seeks federal aid for critical infrastructure improvements along 39 miles of track between Rollinsford and Ossipee, New Hampshire.

If awarded, NHN would use funds to replace worn rail, ties and ballast; install signals at an unprotected crossing; rebuild its only gated crossing; repair and raise a motorist underpass bridge; and construct additional spurs to eliminate the need to store strings of liquid propane on the siding located in downtown Somersworth during the busy winter months. NHN's movement of heavy freight provides for the safer, more fuel-efficient, and environmentally friendly transport of large volumes of freight in our State, and dramatically reduces heavy truck traffic from the highways with the related maintenance and budgetary benefits.

We understand that NHN has the knowledge and experience necessary to satisfy the requirements and procedures related to the CRISI Program. While we realize you may receive several competitive proposals, we urge you to give the application submitted by NHN full consideration consistent with all appropriate laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator



Maggie Hassan
United States Senator



Chris Pappas

Member of Congress