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Date: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

To: Mr. Thomas P. Dee  
President  
Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

Re: Buffalo Harbor Bridge (PIN 5758.17)  
Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Dee,

The Board of Directors for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Buffalo Section, supports the TIGER Grant Application for the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) Buffalo Harbor Bridge Project. Based on previous studies and recommendations, the project will have many benefits including:

- Improve public access from downtown Buffalo and the Inner Harbor area to the Outer Harbor for pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized vehicles;
- Improve and support economic development of the waterfront area;
- Provide access for residents to enjoy the water as a part of daily life.

The Board of Directors for the ASCE Buffalo Section, supports the ECHDC in their efforts to secure TIGER funding to complete the design studies for this project.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Bower, P.E.  
ASCE Buffalo Section President