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Statement by Gateway Corporation Trustees on Hudson Tunnel “Doomsday” Legislation

Jerry Zaro, Chairman of the Gateway Program Development Corporation, which oversees delivery of the Gateway Program, issued the following statement on the legislation introduced today by Congressmen Gottheimer and King.

"Gateway has always been a bi-partisan effort and we appreciate the work of Congressmen King and Gottheimer to focus attention on the urgent national emergency unfolding beneath the Hudson River.

This bill brings a stark question to life: What's the Federal government's plan if the more and more thinkable happens and we lose 75% of rail capacity into and out of the nation's economic core? What's clear from this week's RPA report is that if one of the two century old tubes goes down, the whole region and nation feel the brunt.

We continue to do everything we can locally to advance the Gateway Program projects, but candidly need the full support and partnership of the Federal Government to avoid the future outlined in this week's report."

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The Gateway Program is the most urgent infrastructure program in the country – a comprehensive rail investment program that will improve commuter and intercity services, add needed resiliency and create new capacity for the busiest section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC). The NEC is the most heavily used passenger rail line in the country hosting more than 2,200 train movements and 800,000 passenger trips daily. The Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) is a New Jersey not-for-profit entity with Board members representing Amtrak and the States of New York and New Jersey. It was incorporated in 2016 to oversee and effectuate the Gateway Program in coordination with federal and local partner agencies. Follow the GDC on Twitter [@GatewayProgNews](https://twitter.com/GatewayProgNews).