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House Democratic Caucus
1420 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0004

Dear Democratic Members of Congress:

I am writing in support of Congressman Adriano Espaillat's request to sit on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. As a member of the New York City congressional delegation, Congressman Espaillat represents the nation's largest city, and one that is home to some of the most complex transportation and infrastructure challenges in the nation.

From his time as a State Senator through his time in Congress, representing a district in need of increased transit options, Congressman Espaillat has been an advocate on the issue of transportation and infrastructure, pushing for the 2nd Avenue Subway and increased bus service. He has already shown leadership in his first term in Congress, Chairing the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Transportation, Infrastructure and Housing Task Force.

Congressman Espaillat has also been a leader on the issue of commuter safety, introducing the Stopping Threats on Pedestrians Act to provide funding for the installation of safety systems in high volume pedestrian areas to protect against terrorist attacks. Earlier this year, I was happy to partner with the Congressman to announce New York City's investment in 1,500 similar safety bollards in the city.

Congressman Espaillat understands that without resilient infrastructure and reliable transportation, our cities and citizens cannot succeed. The Caucus and Committee would be greatly served having Congressman Espaillat as a member of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor