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Ms. Rosita Miranda
Chief, Western Section Regulatory Branch
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CENAN-OP-RW
26 Federal Plaza, Room 1937
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Dear Ms. Miranda:

Ravena, Coeymans, Selkirk needs a thriving economy. The permit modification for trestle structures at the Port of Coeymans will allow for additional business opportunities that are an economic driver for our community. After careful consideration, RCS Community Business Association (RCS CBA) supports the permanent placement of the trestle infrastructure originally used for the now complete Tappansee Bridge Project.

The RCS CBA Board of Directors did due diligence before reaching this conclusion. Members of the board toured the Port to see the trestles, studied possible environmental impacts outlined by your agency and called interested stakeholders, including Scenic Hudson. The Board came to the conclusion the permanent placement of the trestles pose little additional risk to the environment.

Furthermore, Carver Companies is making several mitigation efforts to protect and study Hudson River fish species. The Board of RCS CBA appreciates Carver Companies' attention to environmental conservation for this project.

All in all, RCS CBA believes the permanent placement of the trestles hold little harm for the environment, but great potential for Carver Companies, its employees and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Flach", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Aaron Flach
Vice Chair