



Rep. Nadler Calls for an End to Pregnancy Discrimination in the Workplace

On December 3rd, Congressman Nadler attended the Supreme Court oral arguments in the case of *Young v. UPS* regarding pregnancy discrimination in the workplace. Rep. Nadler is the author of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which was introduced in the House in 2013, has 140 cosponsors, and would close loopholes in current employment law affecting pregnant women's rights in the workplace.

"It is imperative that we continue to work together to pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) and settle this issue once and for all," said Rep. Nadler. "I introduced the PWFA to require employers to make reasonable accommodations to employees who have limitations stemming from pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. These on-the-job accommodations are low-cost and not disruptive.

Rep. Nadler stated that he vows "to continue the fight [against pregnancy discrimination] until no one has to choose between a healthy pregnancy and a paycheck."

Rep. Nadler Urges House Judiciary Committee to Pass Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act

On December 1st, Rep. Nadler, along with Rep. King and other members of the House Judiciary Committee, wrote a letter to Committee Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers urging them to pass H.R. 3143, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA). JASTA is a non-partisan, non-ideological bill that, if passed, would allow victims of terrorism in the United States to pursue civil claims against terrorists and their financial backers.

"Congress has long recognized that the threat of financial judgments can deter support for terrorism and dissuade our enemies from putting their fortunes at risk, but this threat must have teeth if it is to deter. JASTA does exactly that—all while giving victims the opportunity for accountability and justice."

Rep. Nadler Responds to Ferguson Grand Jury Decision

On November 24th, Congressman Nadler expressed his sorrow for Michael Brown's family and pressed for the continuation of the federal investigation into his death, highlighting the need to challenge and remedy structural inequality.

Earlier in the year, Rep. Nadler addressed the crisis in Ferguson, Missouri.

“The current situation in Ferguson is the result of the alienation of the town’s people from the town government and local police department, and total lack of trust both ways. There will have to be a change in the police department and town structure to be more responsive and more respectful of the people. Deep-seated racial bias and heavy handedness are a toxic mix.”

Rep. Nadler Supports President Obama’s Proposed Executive Action on Immigration

On November 21st, Rep. Nadler declared his support for President Obama’s forthcoming executive action on immigration.

“Immigrants are essential to our history and part of what makes our country great,” said Rep. Nadler. “We must do more to protect farm workers, parents of dreamers, highly-skilled tech workers, LGBT immigrants and all who help build our nation.”

Rep. Nadler Emphasizes Need for Copyright Protection in Online Learning

On November 19th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, delivered an opening statement at the subcommittee’s hearing on “Copyright Issues in Education and for the Visually Impaired.”

“One of the fastest trends in educational uses of technology is online learning. However, distance learning raises all sorts of questions about copyright protection in this environment,” said Congressman Nadler. “Teachers and educators want reliable guidance about what they are permitted to do in the learning environment. We want to teach our students how to be doctors,

scientists, innovators, and discourage copyright infringement. So, we have to get this right and find the proper balance between protecting copyright holders’ rights while still ensuring fair use by students and teachers.”

Nadler and Key Leaders Hail Major Milestone for the Cross Harbor Freight Project with Release of New Draft Tier One EIS

On November 13th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10), the highest-ranking Northeastern Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, lauded the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ or Port Authority) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the release of a new, Draft Tier I Environment Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cross Harbor Freight Movement Project (CHFP), a major milestone in the project’s history. And along with a coalition of key elected officials, business and labor leaders, and transportation and environmental advocates, he again hailed the Cross Harbor Rail Freight Tunnel as critical to solving the region’s serious and growing problem with inefficient goods movement.

“Today’s release of this Draft Cross Harbor Tier I EIS paves the way for addressing a very serious problem about which there is overwhelming consensus – that the New York region moves goods extremely inefficiently, largely by road-clogging trucks, and to terrible effect. I applaud the Port Authority and the Federal Highway Administration, and the whole EIS team for their hard and thoughtful work in getting to this important milestone,” said Congressman Nadler. “The Cross Harbor Rail Freight Tunnel project, which I have supported for more than 30 years alongside a large and growing coalition of governmental, business, labor, transportation, and environmental leaders, would finally connect Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island, Westchester and

Southern Connecticut to the national freight rail grid, profoundly improving the movement of goods throughout our region. It will remove thousands of trucks from our clogged roadways, and that will reduce pollution, reduce the cost of goods and the cost of doing business, grow jobs, and make us all safer by both ensuring easier movement of emergency vehicles and securing an additional route by which we can get vital goods into the region, should our primary route be compromised.”

This Draft Tier One EIS echoes previously published studies by finding that a Cross Harbor Rail Freight Tunnel would fundamentally help to reduce congestion on roads and bridges, improve air quality and reduce asthma, as well as allow better movement of emergency vehicles and buses. It would greatly decrease the cost of goods and of doing business, and would promote considerable economic development. It would also create a necessary redundancy in this critical transportation system, thereby fortifying a national security vulnerability. According to the EIS, the Cross Harbor Rail Freight Tunnel (the so-called “Seamless Tunnel”) would achieve these key benefits by removing about 1800 trucks from New York Harbor crossings per day, or about half a million trucks per year. That also translates into an annual reduction of 10 million Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMTs) from New York City roads, and of 70 million VMTs from roads throughout the region.

Congressman Nadler has been a leading advocate for the construction of a rail freight tunnel since he was a member of the New York State Assembly. The project has also long been supported by a broad coalition of elected officials at the Federal, State and City levels, as well as business and labor groups, as well as transportation and environmental advocates. Many of New York’s top leaders again voiced their support for the new, Draft Tier I Environment Impact Statement and for the Cross Harbor Rail Freight Tunnel specifically.

Rep. Nadler Supports President Obama’s Call for Net Neutrality

On November 11th, Congressman Nadler supported President Obama’s call for the FCC to classify broadband service as a public utility, which would prevent Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from blocking or slowing access to content.

Earlier this year, Congressman Nadler sent a letter to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler emphasizing the need for an open and fair internet.

“The FCC must maintain net neutrality by reclassifying broadband providers as common carriers. We must not allow for a pay-to-play internet where one company can refuse to allow fast access to another company unless they pay a premium,” said Rep. Nadler. “This type of online discrimination is unacceptable, will lead to anti-competitive behavior, and will stifle innovation.

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