



August 10, 2026

Mr. Blaine A. Griffin, Council President
Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: **Request for Legislation** – Authority to Purchase Twelve Passenger Boarding Bridges –
August 19th Meeting.

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am requesting legislation be passed **under suspension** at the August 19th 2026, meeting for the following item:

- Authority for determining the method of making the public improvement of purchasing, installing, disposing, designing and constructing up to twelve passenger boarding bridges and appurtenances.

I am requesting this legislation be addressed under suspension, the passenger boarding bridges at the CLE common use gates are over 30 years old and require continuous specialized maintenance and repairs to meet current travel demands. Replacing these outdated bridges will enhance safety and over time, resulting in substantial maintenance cost savings.

If you have any questions, please contact Henrietta Brown at (216) 265-6963. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Director of Port Control

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