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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) joined with U.S. Rep. Steny H. Hoyer, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, and local business and community leaders to promote the importance of investing in high-speed rail development throughout Upstate New York for job creation and economic development.

"Allowing Majority Leader Hoyer to see firsthand the need for high-speed rail in the Mohawk Valley will be critical moving forward in the effort to develop our train lines in this region," **Arcuri said**

"We need to have as many advocates as we can in Congress and I am excited at the support I have seen from my fellow Upstate New York colleagues and from members of Congress located outside of New York State. High speed rail will be a great economic engine for the Mohawk Valley and all of Upstate New York."

Today, Majority Leader Hoyer joined Arcuri at the Boehlert Center at Union Station in Utica for a press conference to discuss Arcuri's commitment to high speed rail in the Mohawk Valley. Arcuri and fellow Upstate New York congressmen secured \$4.5 million for track improvements between Albany and Buffalo, including \$1 million specifically in Oneida County, in legislation passed by the House of Representatives earlier this month. Arcuri also touted the \$8 billion for high speed rail development nationwide in the Recovery Bill, voted for by Arcuri this year.

House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer of Maryland is charged with managing the House Floor as well as scheduling legislation to be considered on the Floor. Hoyer was elected House Majority Leader in 2006, and re-elected in 2008. His service as Majority Leader makes him history's highest-ranking Member of Congress from Maryland. Now serving his 15th term in Congress representing the Fifth Congressional District of Maryland, he is also the longest-serving Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in state history.