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September 9, 2010

Dear Senators Schumer and Gillibrand:

I am writing to request your support and further, to exert influence over the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for immediate funding of the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

I know this comes at a time when fiscal problems have caused cutbacks in every area of state government, but a further delay of this initial step will cause untold delays in the final construction of Rt 219 to I-86 and the Pennsylvania State line.

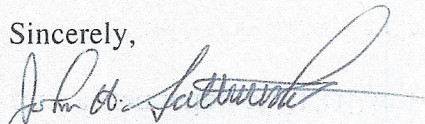
The economic impact to the distressed areas of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania is obvious. Without Rt 219 the area will have little chance of growth and will continue its economic decline.

Our company operates newspapers in Olean and Salamanca, NY and Bradford, PA. We have seen first-hand and felt the results of the decline in industry and population in our area. The completion of Rt 219 will be the most essential ingredient in this area's economic recovery.

I urge you to act immediately on this most important effort.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John H. Satterwhite  
President & CEO