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Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Larkin At Exchange  
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*RE: Development of Route 219*

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

I am writing to request your support of the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) by the New York State Department of Transportation. Completion of the SEIS will permit further construction of Sections 6 through 12 of the limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 to proceed. Section 5 of the highway will open early this fall.

Canisius College supports all efforts that are designed to improve the economic health and well-being of the Western New York area. We support Continental 1's programs and activities that are working to expand and improve upon Route 219. Such work will certainly aid the local economy by providing a quicker and safer transportation route from Buffalo's suburbs to Pennsylvania and points south, assisting business transportation as well as individuals using the road for personal travel.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Kruly  
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