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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State State Capitol, Executive Chamber Albany, NY 12224

Ms. Joan McDonald, Commissioner NYS Department of Transportation 50 Wolf Road Albany, NY 12232

Re: Route 219

Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner McDonald:

I am writing in support of the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), NYSDOT PIN 5101.84 and the completion of Route 219 Sections 6-12, and that funding for the SEIS be included in the statewide transportation plan for New York State.

The work that has been done on Route 219 thus far is significant, but incomplete. To have the impact necessary to become the trade corridor from Toronto to Miami, finishing the approximately 20 miles of Route 219 is essential to the business of New York State. Without completion of the SEIS, construction will continue to be stalled.

I urge you to support the pursuit of these funds through the New York State budget process and from the U.S. Department of Transportation to ensure continuation of this vital economic development project.

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