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SUBJECT: Dresser-Rand Request for Completion of Route 219 SEIS

Dear Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and Acting Commissioner Gee:

On behalf of Dresser-Rand Company (a major employer of laborers in Western New York), I respectfully request your immediate and personal involvement and support so as to urge the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) so that the same can be promptly completed.

As a major employer of more than 2000 employees in Western New York (over 400 hired in the past 3 years), Dresser-Rand is well aware of and equally concerned with the economic challenges confronting the government and private sector alike in today's economic environment. As such, completion of the SEIS continues to play a critical aspect in Dresser-Rand's expansion of business undertakings at its three primary manufacturing facilities in Olean, Wellsville and Painted Post, NY. However, until the SEIS is completed, further construction of the limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. Please note that Sections 1-4 of this project were completed in 1983; Section 5 will open early this fall. However, construction of Sections 6 through 12 cannot resume until the SEIS is completed.

It is essential that Route 219 be completed in that it serves as the sole North-South intermodal connection within two hundred miles of our region. Continental 1, a multi-stage effort, is a High Priority Trade and Travel Corridor from Toronto, crossing at the Peace Bridge, through Buffalo, to Miami. Completing Route 219 is the essential connection for this route.