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Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Larkin at Exchange
726 Exchange Street - suite 511
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Dear Senator Gillibrand:

I request your support in urging the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

We are all well aware of New York State's current fiscal difficulties. However, until the SEIS is completed, further construction of limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. Sections 1-4 of this project were completed in 1983; Section 5 will open early this fall. Construction of Sections 6 through 12 cannot resume until the SEIS is completed.

Completing Route 219 is essential for economic growth in Western New York. The Southern Tier of Western New York has long been one of the most economically distressed parts of the state. The area is characterized by declining population, negative economic growth, and a diminishing tax base. Completion of the Rt 219 Construction will generate economic growth by retaining and expanding existing industries through efficient access to markets and suppliers, and by making the corridor communities more competitive in attracting new industries.

Thank you, Senator, for your request to NYSDOT to immediately fund the Route 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Lanza", with a stylized "CB" or "CH" monogram to the right.

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