

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

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Western New York needs jobs! I urge you to approve funding for two projects:

- **\$6 million for the NY Route 219 SEIS***
- **Completion of Route 219 in the long-term capital plan.**

Identified as a transformational project by the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council's (REDC) Binational/Logistics Working Group and cited by **84%** of Western New Yorkers as a high priority, completion of Route 219 and Continental 1 will mean new jobs, economic development, international connection and safe roads.

We have momentum! Pennsylvania is moving to release \$350 million in construction financing to complete the Somerset portion of Route 219. Maryland has funds earmarked for completion of its two-mile portion of the route. A goal of WNY's REDC is to reinforce the region as a primary hub in the global logistics network. A completed Route 219 will be our region's only North-South highway.

Completion of Route 219 is critical to Western New York's future! Please reinstate funding for the Route 219 SEIS and approve the funding for completion of Route 219 in the long-term capital plan.

Continental 1 is the organization behind the completion of Route 219 and the Continental 1 corridor – the 1,500-mile trade and travel corridor from Toronto to Miami, stimulating faster, efficient travel and economic growth. It is a vital North-South connection, providing increased trade-flows and ensuring access and mobility for businesses involved in cross-border trade. Your support of the completion of Route 219 in NY and PA will heavily impact job opportunities and further advancement in this region for the long term.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

** Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement*