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Joan McDonald
Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Re: 2008 Department of Transportation Funding Error

Dear Commissioner McDonald:

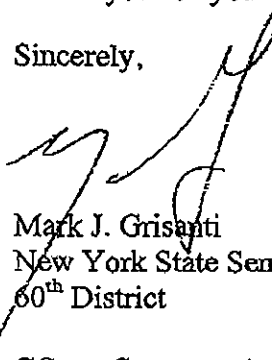
I am writing in regard to a DOT funding error in 2008 which resulted in a loss of \$167 million to Western New York. I am deeply concerned about testimony you offered last week in which you claimed you were unaware of this egregious error and further stated: "What is past is past."

As you know, DOT officials, including former Transportation Commissioner Stanley Gee, have acknowledge that the agency erred in diverting transportation dollars away from Region 5 to other regions. This money was critical for road and bridge repairs throughout the region. The DOT's error has also held up work on numerous projects, including construction of Continental 1, a highway spanning from Toronto through Buffalo to Miami.

I urge you to correct this error. By way of copy on this letter, Governor Cuomo, I urge you to take action as well to restore the \$167 million to Western New York.

Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Mark J. Grisanti
New York State Senate
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CC: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo