

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK



CATHARINE M. YOUNG
SENATOR
57TH DISTRICT

ALBANY OFFICE
ROOM 428
STATE CAPITOL
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12247
(518) 455-3563
FAX (518) 426-6905

DISTRICT OFFICE
WESTGATE PLAZA
700 W. STATE STREET
OLEAN, NEW YORK 14760
(716) 372-4901
FAX (716) 372-5740
1-800-707-0058

CHAIR
FINANCE

STANDING COMMITTEES
AGRICULTURE
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
HEALTH
HOUSING
TRANSPORTATION

April 16, 2016

Mr. Darrell F. Kaminski, P.E.
Regional Director
Region 5 DOT
100 Seneca Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Director Kaminski,

On April 4, 2016, two students suffered injuries and were transported to WCA Hospital in Jamestown by emergency personnel after they were struck by a car at 2:45 p.m. while walking near Falconer Middle-High School around the intersection of East Main Street and East Avenue. Thankfully, their injuries were non-life threatening. However, this serious incident raises compelling safety issues that must be addressed.

Nearly all of the 176 students who attend Falconer Middle-High School walk there. This heavy traffic area is very busy at times when students are coming to and from school. In fact, I have been contacted by local government officials and school personnel who are requesting that a traffic light is installed at the intersection of East Avenue and Route 394.

I am strongly urging the New York State Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study so that a traffic light may be placed where the crosswalk currently exists. The safety of our children should be the utmost priority, and this hazardous situation must be addressed.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Catharine M. Young', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Catharine M. Young
Senator, 57th District