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Old Route 219 Span Over Cattaraugus Creek Closed For Safety Inspection

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Senator Gallivan Presses DOT To Complete Review and Repairs Quickly

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R,C,I – Elma) was informed by New York State Department of Transportation officials today that after undergoing inspection, the old Route 219 bridge over Cattaraugus Creek between the Town of Concord in Erie County and the Town of Ashford in Cattaraugus County has been closed (currently named S. Cascade Dr. in Concord and Miller

Rd. in Ashford, respectively).

State DOT officials were taking part in an ongoing repairs project to the span when an irregularity was discovered, which they determined warrants a more thorough inspection to ensure the bridge's safety for motorists.

"The old Route 219 expressway between Erie County and the Southern Tier is still a major economic lifeline for Western New York, particularly for the Village of Springville. I will be working closely with the DOT to ensure that the review and subsequent repairs are made in a timely fashion to ensure that Route 219 is safe for motorists and that any impact its closure has on surrounding communities and businesses is minimal," Gallivan said.

While the specific reason for closing the bridge wasn't made known, the problem has been referred to the Department of Transportation's Structural Group for a complete structural safety review. The review is expected to take 4 to 6 weeks, during which the bridge will remain closed.

Gallivan assured the public he will be in constant contact with the DOT and encourages any individuals or businesses to contact his Depew office with questions or concerns, (716) 656-8544.