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Local Roads Matter

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Albany, N.Y., March 6—With final negotiations over the 2013-14 New York State budget kicking into high gear over the next two weeks, a group of state legislators, Assemblyman Phil Palmesano and I have joined county and town highway superintendents and other local leaders from across New York to call for increased state support for local roads and bridges.

Our message is simple: Increase CHIPS funding.

Highway superintendents from throughout the state have been in Albany this week as part of their “2013 Grassroots Advocacy Campaign for Local Roads & Bridges.”

Most importantly, we're urging Governor Andrew Cuomo and legislative leaders to increase the amount of funding the state provides for the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program.

Commonly known as CHIPS, the program provides the bulk of state aid to counties and towns for the maintenance and improvement of local roads and bridges.

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