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MORE CHIPS?

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I was glad to be able to join area Assemblyman Phil Palmesano again this year to organize a bipartisan group of 114 state legislators to join county and town highway superintendents and other local leaders from across New York in calling for increased state support for local roads, bridges and culverts.

At an Albany news conference in the Capitol, we made our case for increasing state funding for the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program, commonly known as CHIPS, by \$200 million to a total of \$638.1 million in the 2015-2016 state budget.

New York State has an unprecedented opportunity this year to address the local transportation crisis, and we can't afford to miss this chance.

Local roads and bridges, in every region of the state, are community and economic lifelines that are at risk from a severe lack of adequate, dedicated funding. A revitalized state commitment to local transportation is a wise use of taxpayer dollars.

It's an investment in economic growth, job creation, property tax relief and motorist safety.

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