



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

September 5, 2012

Commissioner Joan McDonald  
NYS Department of Transportation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, N.Y. 12232

RE: PIN SABP, 10 Accelerated Bridge Project, D262116  
(Route 281 over Cold Brook)

Dear Commissioner McDonald:

We are writing to you today asking you to review the above project. This bridge project was initially scheduled to begin in the spring of 2012 and was later rescheduled for this fall during the harvest season. This has created a financial hardship for many local businesses located in the Homer, New York area with an estimated sales loss for the next three months of \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00.

Several businesses which are listed below have conservatively estimated that their anticipated loss will be:

- Anderson Farm Market (\$143,600 loss) with a nine person layoff
- Little York Plantation (\$75,000 loss) with a three person layoff
- Slades Peaceful Valley Farms, LLC (\$20,000)
- New Hope View Farms (\$70,000)

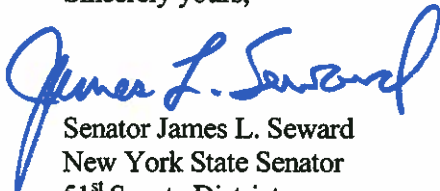
Hundreds of trucks transporting harvested crops over hundreds of additional miles will be forced to drive through the Village of Homer, New York creating disruption and additional cost. In addition, one point five million gallons of liquid manure will have to be transported through the densely populated village.

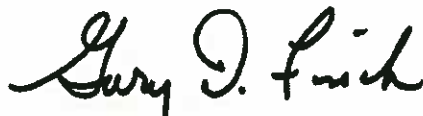
We are requesting a 60 day postponement of the project which would allow these effected businesses to complete most of their harvesting practices.

Commissioner, we have spoken to the Town of Homer Supervisor, Fred Forbes and to Mayor Genevieve Suites, of the Village of Homer and they concur that a 60 day postponement is the appropriate action to take.

We are requesting you to meet with us and review the options available prior to September 10, 2012, the date for the project to commence.

Sincerely yours,

  
Senator James L. Seward  
New York State Senator  
51<sup>st</sup> Senate District

  
Assemblyman Gary D. Finch  
Assistant Minority Leader  
123<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District

CC: Mayor Genevieve Suits  
Supervisor Fred Forbes  
William Anderson  
William Head  
Gary Slade  
Jackie Crane