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Todd Westhuis NYS Department of Transportation Regional Director 4 Burnette Blvd Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Dear Mr. Westhuis,

The terrible tragedy that took place this week when a motorist drove onto the right shoulder of Route 59 in Monsey and struck a mother and three children demonstrated the urgency for improvements the State has already committed to.

Our working relationship with your office on this project has resulted in the following improvements to be undertaken during the summer of 2018:

- 3000 feet of new sidewalks, some of which will be located where the accident happened
- Improvements to existing sidewalks that have fallen under disrepair and will be brought up to code.
- The inclusion of curb cuts for strollers and wheel chairs.
- Synchronization of 42 streetlights from Suffern to Nyack, which will be adaptive to traffic conditions and help reduce congestion.

With thoughtful consideration given to this recent accident, I respectfully request that the Department of Transportation prioritize and expedite this project with the intent on preventing any further accidents involving motorists and pedestrians.

Please feel free to contact my District Office at any time at 845-623-3627 with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Senator David Carlucci 38th Senate District