



August 31, 2022

The Honorable Carl Heastie  
NYS Assembly Speaker  
Room 932 LOB  
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Speaker Heastie:

As you are aware, the terrible limo crash in 2018 in Schoharie that took the lives of 20 people, including several of my constituents, has shown the need for stronger oversight of the for-hire limousine industry. The Governor and Legislature have taken steps to pass legislation to begin to address that.

Among legislation we passed was the creation of the New York State Stretch Limousine Passenger Safety Task Force to examine the circumstances surrounding the Schoharie crash and similar incidents related to stretch limos. The Task Force, which by law will remain in effect until May 31, 2023, is required to submit its final report and recommendations to the governor and legislature for review by October 1, 2022.

Unfortunately, the Task Force is still missing vital safety information to complete a holistic and thorough report about what happened and what went wrong to provide us with sound policy recommendations to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again: the results of the New York State Inspector General's ongoing investigation into the limo crash.

Any final report by the Task Force that's issued before the state Inspector General releases the findings of her investigation would be anything but final and would in fact be a total disservice to the 20 people who lost their lives, their families who want answers and justice, and the safety of all New Yorkers.

We need the experts on the Task Force to have all the information they need to evaluate what happened, what went wrong, and then give us policy recommendations to help prevent something like this from happening again. I urge you to work with the Governor and Senate Majority Leader to come back into session and extend the deadline for this Task Force so they can get it right and issue a comprehensive and holistic final report that will hopefully lead to policy changes that will save lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart Cousins  
President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader  
Room 907 LOB  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins:

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Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor  
New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

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