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Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Marie Therese Dominguez  
Commissioner  
NYS Department of Transportation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12232

**RE: Town of Glenville Bridge Strikes**

Dear Gov. Cuomo and Commissioner Dominguez,

We are once again writing to you today to express our deep concern regarding the reoccurring bridge strikes taking place in the Town of Glenville in Schenectady County, particularly the railroad overpass on Glenridge Road.

While we know that this issue has been acknowledged to be problematic and some steps have been taken in the last few years by the state to try and curtail bridge strikes at this particular location, there is a clear need for greater action. These bridge strikes are not only dangerous and a nuisance, but also incredibly burdensome and expensive for the localities in which they continue to occur.

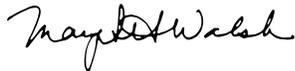
The Town of Glenville has gone above and beyond in trying to raise awareness to the issue in an effort to prevent future strikes, but as they continue to occur, we support their request for the following proposals:

1. NYSDOT implements a truck route that would prevent trucks from using Glenridge Road between Route 146 and the "Glenridge Circle" at the intersection of Maple, Glenridge and Hetcheltown. This proposed truck rout would begin at Route 146 and 146A; it would proceed down 146 to Aqueduct Road, over to Maxon, then back up Freemans Bridge Rd. All roads involved are exclusively state and county owned roads and would require NYSDOT involvement to coordinate and execute a safe and cost-effective solution.
2. Implementation of an electronic detection system near the 146 intersection so that it can adequately warn drivers that there is a low bridge ahead. This technology must would be deployed in a location before Blue Barnes Road and Bruce Drive and before the truck enters the "Glenridge Road corridor." Beyond these locations there are no opportunities for the driver to turn around, and therefore this placement would allow for the safest of options.

We strongly believe that these proposed actions would be critical in helping to mitigate future bridge strikes and know that the Town of Glenville is prepared to work in conjunction with the state to move forward with these very plausible solutions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We hope that you will continue with your efforts to curtail bridge strikes statewide by considering our concerns and ultimately, support this very important improvement for the Town of Glenville.

Very Truly Yours;



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