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

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

RE: Town of Glenville Bridge Strikes

Dear Gov. Cuomo and Acting Commissioner Dominguez,

We are 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.

Following the most recent strike just this past weekend on Saturday, September 7, the town has recorded nearly 60 strikes and 90 truck turnarounds. According to the Town of Glenville Supervisor, these dire occurrences have cost the taxpayer at least \$50,000. This is an unacceptable and dangerous reality for the town.

In light of the completion of the \$1.8 million bridge strike prevention project for King Street Bridge in Westchester County, it has come to our attention that state funding is available to address this exact scenario. We ask that you consider allocating a portion of the \$25 million for bridge strike prevention enhancement to the Glenridge Road overpass.

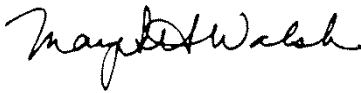
These bridge strikes are not only dangerous and a nuisance, but also incredibly burdensome and expensive for the localities in which they continue to occur. An enhancement project such as the one that took place in Westchester County would greatly benefit the motorists in the Town of Glenville.

We believe that some of the concepts implemented in previous projects would be greatly beneficial for Department of Transportation engineers to explore, including enhanced signs, electronic adjustable message signs, bridge lighting and communication improvements to help local law enforcement redirect any potentially problematic motor vehicles. Additionally, an over-

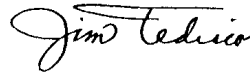
height vehicle detector similar to those that have been implemented in the Hudson Valley and on Long Island would be a simple yet effective warning to oversized vehicles.

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 request for funding to support this very important improvement for the Town of Glenville.

Very Truly Yours;



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Cc: Chris Koetzle, Town of Glenville Supervisor