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Senator Timothy M. Kennedy, Chair
Transportation Committee
708 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

Senator James Skoufis, Chair
Investigations and Government Operations Committee
815 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

Re: Governor Mario M. Cuomo/Tappan Zee Bridge Structural Concerns

Dear Senators Kennedy and Skoufis:

As I am sure you are aware, recent reporting in the *Times Union* has revealed troubling details of efforts to allegedly coverup structural concerns of the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. Many of my constituents and those in surrounding Hudson Valley communities use this bridge when traveling to New York City, and it is imperative that any questions of safety are immediately addressed. **Respectfully, I urge you to make investigating this troubling issue an immediate priority for your respective committees.**

Unfortunately, recent events have made it abundantly clear that the Executive has no interest in being forthright with the public or the State Legislature in matters of public health and safety, nor any interest in voluntarily assisting the Legislature with its constitutional duties to provide oversight of state government. As elected representatives, it is critical that we take proactive steps to ensure the safety of those we represent, and that starts with establishing a clear picture of what took place during the construction of the bridge and the surrounding allegations.

The tens of thousands of New Yorkers crossing this bridge each day need reassurance that doing so is and will continue to be safe, and whether or not any proactive measures need to take place to ensure it remains safe. It is essential that the Legislature moves expeditiously to commence an investigation into the matter to answer any unresolved questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Serino".

Senator Sue Serino
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