



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

Nov. 12, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The supply chain and semiconductor issues which the United States has been contending with for several months now is not limited to consumers. Alarming, it has been brought to our attention that the computer chips that snowplows depend upon to clear roads of snow and ice are similarly in short supply for the many municipalities that depend upon them to perform their duties properly.

This poses a significant risk to the safety and livelihood of the many constituents that we represent in New York State, as well as throughout regions of the country that face sizeable annual snowfall, which should be a prime concern of the United States Department of Transportation as we head into the winter season. New Yorkers rely on local departments of public works and their crews to effectively remove snow and ice from the roads on which they travel to get to work, school and events. While most people in this state are undeterred by significant snowfall, it is imperative that DPW operations be able to continue unimpeded by the supply chain issues that currently exist.

We are requesting that your department make it a priority to have the computer chips that state and local DPW's depend upon for the continued and reliable operation of their snowplows shipped to them before any other entity in the supply chain. It is important for the safety of travelers, the continued viability of the economy and to the continued upkeep of our roads and bridges.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Griffo".

Joseph A. Griffo
Senator, 47th District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Oberacker".

Peter Oberacker
Senator, 51st District