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

Dear Commissioner Dominguez:

I am writing today on a matter of public safety, to urge the Department of Transportation to install warning signs near the two Glenridge Road Rail Bridges in Glenville in order to stop frequent truck bridge strikes.

In recent years, there have been 56 bridge strikes and an additional 90 near-misses where trucks had to back up to avoid getting caught under the bridge, causing massive traffic jams. Police, fire and highway personnel responses to these incidents have cost Glenville taxpayers well over \$50,000.

Yesterday (August 20), a tractor trailer truck got stuck under one of the bridges and had part of its roof ripped off. As someone who travels on Glenridge Road on a daily basis, I frequently see trucks getting stuck and our first responders scrambling to ensure public safety and address the related traffic jams. These accidents can be mitigated by better signage before trucks enter the bridges, warning them of the low ceilings and to seek an alternate route. This is not only an economic issue for the people of Glenville and the 49<sup>th</sup> Senate District, but also a significant public safety matter. My fear is that a truck will get stuck under the bridge and its roof will fly off and hit an oncoming vehicle, causing injury or loss of life. Given these concerns, I along with Glenville Town Supervisor Chris Koetzle, respectfully request that the DOT install better signage to prevent a tragedy from occurring.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James N. Tedisco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Senator James N. Tedisco  
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