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Mr. Joseph Brown
Region 10 Director
New York State Department of Transportation
State Office Building
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Dear Director Brown,

We are writing to respectfully request that your office reconsider the exclusion of New York State Route 878 ("NY 878") in this year's accelerated paving projects. As you know, Governor Andrew Cuomo allocated \$75 million for repaving of approximately 428 miles of roadway across New York State. After a particularly harsh and snowy winter, this vital roadway is in dire need of repairs and would benefit greatly from resurfacing projects.

Approximately 40,000 vehicles travel along NY 878 daily, making it a major artery of transportation in the South Shore and Queens. In addition to connecting drivers to New York's largest airport, John F. Kennedy, and to New York City, NY 878 also serves as a designated evacuation route for ambulances, fire vehicles, police cars, and South Shore and Queens residents ordered to evacuate in the event of flooding or other natural disasters. In fact, NY 878 is one of only three points of evacuation for tens of thousands of residents on the Rockaway Peninsula and Long Beach Barrier Island and was heavily utilized during superstorm Sandy to evacuate people and bring in goods during that emergency. Yet, NY 878 is in constant disrepair—large potholes and traffic plague the roadway on a daily basis, making it the point of extreme frustration for commuters and residents. While the repaving project between Burnside Avenue and Rockaway Turnpike will certainly create improvements for riders, we strongly believe that more work must be done to make this road safe and easy to travel.

Simply put, there is no complaint that we receive more often than those concerning NY 878. Please see the attached photograph and you will not have to ask why. The desperate state of its condition is obvious.

Repairing NY 878 is crucial to the safety and well-being of our community and we urge you to consider including this major roadway in the ongoing accelerated paving projects. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Todd Kaminsky
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Phillip Goldfeder
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