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Tappan Zee Bridge / I-287
Environmental Review Process

Please submit this letter in the scoping record re: Tappan Zee Bridge.

Dear Mr. Tomson:

This letter is being written to express regret that I was unable to attend the public hearing last week. I had conflicting scheduling problems. I am writing this letter to advise you of my concerns.

I strongly feel that the Thruway Authority should approve the request of the municipalities on both sides of the river to hire an independent consultant. We need a second opinion. A 2nd opinion will help elected officials develop the right questions. A 2nd opinion will help us reach consensus and determine whether a new bridge is really necessary.

In addition, I strongly feel that before any new bridge or tunnel is approved a condition should be included that will require rail service to be placed on the bridge. We need rail as a means to reduce traffic congestion.

Finally, I am concerned about the impact that traffic on I-287 has on our air, noise, and river and believe that the Thruway Authority should address these concerns via a study. It would be interesting to determine whether people who live near the Thruway have more medical problems than those who live a distance away.

Sincerely,

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