



**Tappan Zee Preservation**

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To: Governor David A. Paterson  
Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Bruno  
The Hon. Sheldon Silver, Speaker NYS Assembly

**Re: A Way for You to Reach Agreement on the  
2008-09 NYS Budget and Save  
Taxpayers up to 14 Billion Dollars\*\***

GENTLE MEN: It is respectfully suggested

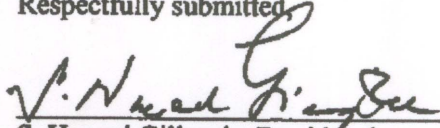
(1) Repair and preserve the existing Tappan Zee Bridge at the expense of the NYS Thruway Authority (and not the taxpayers) to be derived at least in part from the tolls of the 135,000 vehicles using the bridge each day;

(in fact, this is actually being done today because the Thruway Authority, as required by law, is rebuilding four lanes of the road way from South Nyack to the super structure (at a contract price of \$148,000,000) and

(2) postpone for at least one year the announcement by the Governor's Transportation Commission now scheduled for May 2008 of the segmenting of the bridge structuring (rebuild or replace) from the transit mode (commuter rail or hi-speed bus).

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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\*\*Estimated cost in 2004 dollars of commuter rail bridge.

