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Sir,

I wish to submit the following public response statement concerning the bridge.

I favor total removal of the present bridge, its condition requires that this be done. It is my understanding that to rebuild it is not feasible due to the condition of the underlying foundations and the support piers. This makes it almost impossible to do in place and if attempted would be done at tremendous cost. A cost that would be as much or more than a replacement bridge.

I strongly support replacement of the bridge with a series of tunnels.
At the minimum three.

Each tunnel would have three lanes. The tunnels, one west bound, one east bound and one with the ability to reverse direction during peak demand.

Tunnels could be started and ended within the footprint of the present road. Tunneling would greatly reduce the need for addition properties to be taken for travel lanes and approaches to a new bridge. In fact it could actually release lands now used for approaches to development and may actually pay the State back in land sales. It appears to me that the modern tunnel boring equipment as used in Europe can make my proposal feasible and cost effective.

To conclude, since rebuilding the present bridge is almost out of the question. Replacing it with a new bridge would have a frightfully damaging environmental impact on the surrounding lands, homeowners and the river. A new bridge would require the taking of large tracts of land.

As you know, any land in this area is in private hands.

Thousands of people would be effected through loss of their homes.

Any new bridge would only continue the present eyesore that distorts what is a beautiful vista in the river.

Tunneling is the only option that preserves homes, communities, bussinesses and the river.

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