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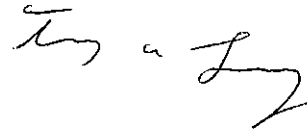
Mr. Michael P. Anderson
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Tappan Zee Bridge I287 Corridor Project Director
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I have been commuting to New York City for more than 35 years. The Port Authority has helped economic development at the airports and in a 25 mile radius of The Statue of Liberty in N.Y. and N.J. The Long Island Railroad has helped development in Long Island. The MTA has helped development in N.Y.C. Metro North has helped development in Westchester and Connecticut. New Jersey Transit has spurred economic development in N.J. The North western part of the state needs a transit system to that will offer First Class service to N.Y.C. and Westchester. To that end a Terminal should be built on the property adjacent to the Palisades Mall near the Clarkstown Transfer station that can service the north south towns along the Hudson or Thruway and also the east west towns along route 17/84. To this end a one stop express train line could go across the Tappan Zee Bridge directly to Grand Central Station along the Metro North Lines.

"The Metro West Authority" should be created to spur economic development on the Western side of the Hudson because when it comes to mass transit we are second class citizens.

Sincerely;
Thomas Leavey



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