

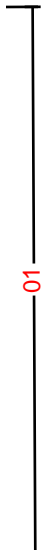


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York 10994. Phone Number is (845)  
729-9268.

My name is Robert Pitlak and my  
concerns regarding the Tappan Zee  
Bridge issue are many issues regarding  
the bridge is old, antiquated, does  
not suit the needs of the public.  
It's unfair to Rockland County to bear  
the brunt of decisions that were made  
many years ago by poor planners and  
Rockland County should not suffer any  
longer as a result of that and this  
issue needs to be addressed by, in my  
opinion, a new bridge.



The traffic congestion from this  
bridge increases, daily. From the  
time I've been driving as a youth  
until the time of the present, I see  
an unbelievable increase in the amount  
of traffic, especially, on the  
weekend, which is an off day, not even  
a workday when people are driving in  
leisure.

There should really be no excuse



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they built the 287 Interchange in Mahwah which, completely, changed the traffic flow and congestion in Rockland County, since they built this 287 link-up in Mahwah with the new Thruway incorporated linking New York to New Jersey and points west, and, unfortunately, all of this traffic has to run through Rockland County, a little bottleneck in the State of New York, and we're bearing the brunt of all of this congestion and it's unfair to the residents of this sleepy little community to, constantly, bear the brunt of poor planning and, you know, the issue needs to be resolved.

My opinion, the bridge is a waste of money repairing it and a new bridge with planning for the future as opposed to financial reasons or financial planning, you know, to suit the needs of the people for the future, you know, incorporating all future development, population growth

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2 and, more importantly, the financial  
3 impact of a real crisis would occur if  
4 this bridge became unusable as a  
5 result of structural default or human  
6 - not a human catastrophe but an  
7 environmental catastrophe of some  
8 nature would cause this bridge to be  
9 unusable would cause such a financial  
10 devastation in our community and  
11 across the board. The numbers aren't  
12 even imaginable of how much of a  
13 crisis would occur if that bridge was  
14 not usable anymore.

15 So, there is really a great  
16 dependence on this bridge traveling  
17 through Rockland County and I think  
18 the oversight -- We take a lot for  
19 granted. We are accustomed to being  
20 able to come and do what we like. If  
21 we did not have use of the bridge, the  
22 severity of the situation, how much  
23 reliance we have on one bridge, how  
24 important it is to the surrounding  
25 communities and several states in this

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2 Metropolitan Area, they rely,  
3 exclusively, on being able to cross  
4 that river, daily, take it for  
5 granted, how we would react, how our  
6 people would deal with having to not  
7 be able to use that bridge, daily,  
8 would be catastrophic.

9 So, I just think that's my  
10 concerns. I feel a new bridge is the  
11 only option. That's it for me.

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TZB-045T 12 MR. GORDON: My name is Al  
13 Gordon, 18 Primrose Lane, New City,  
14 New York 10956.

15 I just wanted to remind the  
16 Committee that, in about 1996, the  
17 whole Thruway was supposed to become  
18 part of a Federal Highway System and  
19 that Senator Pat Moynihan had worked  
20 on that and, to date, that's been,  
21 completely, forgotten, which impacts  
22 on local people in that the tolls on  
23 their plans - I don't know how to put  
24 it - the tolls on their new bridge  
25 plans will be absorbinent and it would