

VILLAGE OF SPRINGVILLE

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April 23, 2015

Dear Governor Cuomo and County Executive Poloncarz,

The dispute between the State of New York, and Erie and Cattaraugus Counties about a reasonable financial aid for maintenance of the South Cascade Miller Road Bridge is a threat to the economic growth in the Springville area. County and State officials should quickly come to an agreement before the \$20,000,000 allocated for this bridge construction is diverted to other projects in the State.

The bridge carries local traffic that links Springville with Ellicottville. Neither the State nor the County should ignore the impact of over a million visitors a year that travel from Erie County to Cattaraugus County through Springville. The sales tax revenue generated in southern Erie County by the growing recreational tourism in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains is significant. The bridge carries local residents to the goods and services available in Springville. The bridge is an integral part of the transportation infrastructure supporting this economy.

Neither the State nor the County should ignore the safety of the traveling public in this region. The bridge provides a parallel route to the recently built limited access highway. Erie and Cattaraugus County residents have experienced the failure of limited access highways in severe weather. The location of a nuclear facility in close proximity to Springville, and the location of the regional hospital in the Village are reasons this bridge is essential to public safety.

Jeopardizing the construction of this bridge because of a dispute over maintenance costs reaching out decades impedes regional economic and community development. Western New York cannot afford to lose a transportation infrastructure project of this magnitude already planned and funded.

Sincerely,

William Krebs, Mayor of Springville

Gary Eppolito, Supervisor of the Town of Concord

William Gugino, President of the Springville Area Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul
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