



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. TED MORTON
LEGISLATOR

Governor Andrew Cuomo
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

October 21, 2015

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I'm writing to you today in regards to the second multi-billion dollar state bailout to the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority. Earlier this year you allocated billions to begin construction on a new Tappan Zee bridge and will again be diverting billions in additional revenue away from our region through the latest agreement with the MTA.

Here, in Western New York, our infrastructure, including vital links for international commerce in the Peace Bridge and Rainbow Bridges, thousands of miles of roads and bridges, the single largest power supply in the state at Niagara Falls, and a border touching one of the largest bodies of freshwater in the world, is crumbling. This is unacceptable for a region that is so vital to the rest of the state.

Too often we have to make the decision to pass on funding for infrastructure and instead support unfunded mandates coming from downstate politicians.

My region deserves its fair share for infrastructure in Erie County and I urge you to consider investing in Western New York infrastructure or reducing the burden placed upon local governments to support New York City.

I implore you, on behalf of all the residents of Erie County, to push for upstate's fair share in infrastructure spending. Please call me at (716) 858-8856 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Morton", is written over a blue ink stamp.

Legislator Ted Morton
8th Legislative District

CC:

Senator Patrick Gallivan
Senator Timothy Kennedy
Assemblywoman Jane Corwin
Assemblywoman Angela Wozniak