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Betsy A. Marsh  
Town Clerk  
12320 Savage Road  
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Dear Ms. Marsh,

The New York State Department of Transportation has received the resolution by the Association of Erie County Governments urging us to repair the former Route 219 (South Cascade-Miller Road) Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek, re-open the bridge to traffic and proceed with the planned rehabilitation project on the bridge.

This was an emergency bridge closure that was necessary after Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel became concerned about the bridge's structural integrity after collecting bridge data and performing analysis in the course of the design of a planned bridge rehabilitation project. The new structural concerns are in addition to those that were already targeted for the planned rehabilitation project. The structural integrity of the bridge was in question, and the safety of the bridge could no longer be guaranteed, therefore, it was necessary for the Department to immediately close the bridge to all traffic for safety.

The DOT completed an in-depth structural analysis, and as a result, invoked our statewide bridge emergency contract that will accelerate the replacement of bearings on the bridge abutment. Traffic is expected to be restored to the bridge by early April 2012. The planned bridge rehabilitation is currently scheduled for a bid opening in spring 2012.

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