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The Honorable Michelle Hinchey
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Marie Therese Dominguez, Commissioner
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Re: Urgent Joint Municipal Request – Regional Truck Traffic Impacts (SR144 / SR143 Corridor)

Dear Senator Fahy, Senator Hinchey, and Commissioner Dominguez,

We write jointly on behalf of the Town of Coeymans, the Town of New Baltimore, the Village of Ravena, and the Town of Bethlehem regarding ongoing and evolving truck traffic impacts throughout our shared region.

Following the recent removal of a privately installed sign that had been influencing truck routing decisions, traffic patterns throughout the corridor have shifted. While the removal of that sign addressed concerns regarding informal and unilateral direction, it has also highlighted a more significant

issue: there is currently no formal, state-established truck routing framework governing the State Route 144 and State Route 143 corridor.

In the absence of such a framework, truck traffic is now moving without clear direction, resulting in inconsistent patterns and impacts across all of our municipalities. These impacts include increased heavy truck volumes on local and residential roads, safety concerns, and strain on infrastructure not designed for sustained industrial traffic. SR144 has been seriously degraded by this increase, and there have been multiple accidents with heavy trucks under load.

Our municipalities have agreed that this is a regional transportation issue involving state highways and requires a coordinated, state-led response, and that no single municipality should bear a disproportionate share of truck traffic impacts.

We also want to note that intermunicipal coordination is already underway. The Town of Coeymans has reached out to the Town of Bethlehem to ensure awareness of any impacts, and all municipalities represented here are committed to maintaining open communication as conditions evolve and continue.

Through coordination with Albany County, we understand that NYSDOT has been contacted and that this matter is currently within a standard review queue. While we appreciate that this issue is under consideration, current conditions warrant a more immediate engagement.

Accordingly, we respectfully and jointly request an Expedited Review, that NYSDOT Region 1 conduct a field review and initiate coordination with affected municipalities within the next several weeks, that NYSDOT evaluate and implement actions to stabilize conditions, including traffic monitoring, data collection, and any appropriate temporary guidance, and that NYSDOT convene or participate in a multi-municipal working session including our municipalities, with Albany and Greene Counties. Finally, NYSDOT should initiate a comprehensive corridor-level review and develop a formal, enforceable truck routing framework that balances roadway capacity with community impacts and provides consistency across jurisdictions.

Our shared objective is to establish a fair, balanced, and enforceable truck routing framework that safeguards residents, supports public safety, and distributes impacts responsibly, while allowing local businesses and industry to continue operating in a manner that is both productive and respectful of the surrounding community.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working collaboratively toward a timely and effective resolution.

Respectfully,



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