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Mr.

Dear Mr.

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the future of the Buffalo Skyway. The Skyway has been an important component of the Buffalo metropolitan area transportation network, serving commuters, tourists and freight for more than 50 years. The New York State Department of Transportation strives to maintain our roads and bridges in a state of good repair to forestall major capital needs that could otherwise arise from neglect. The Skyway has been well maintained and does not require major capital work; however, preservation work likely will be necessary within five to 10 years.

In recognition of the significant investment associated with preserving the Skyway, it is both appropriate and prudent to identify and assess alternatives to its continued existence. While significant bridge work is several years away, New York State Department of Transportation staff will begin this review in the near term. Once this assessment has been completed, we will be better able to have meaningful discussions on the Skyway's future.

I appreciate your input into this important dialog and I encourage your continued involvement as this issue moves forward.

Sincerely,
*"Original Signed by
Darrell F. Kaminski, P.E."*

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cc: Brian Higgins, U.S. Congressman, District 27
Joan McDonald, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation