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Don,

Thank you for your email on the EZPass proposal. I have sent the following letter to the Thruway Authority. If I can be of any further help in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Ken Runion

October 2, 2003

Hon. John L. Buono, Chairman,
New York State Thruway Authority
200 Southern Boulevard
Albany, New York 12201-0100

Dear Chairman Buono:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposal of the Thruway Authority to construct an EZPass lane along the Northway in the Hamlet of McKownville, Town of Guilderland. The Hamlet of McKownville is an established residential neighborhood. Over the years, it has been severely impacted by the construction of the Northway, as well as, commercial development.

The Guilderland Town Board is committed to working towards the preservation of our neighborhoods and our residents quality of life. Several years ago, the New York State Department of Transportation installed rumble strips in the Northway which resulted in noise levels impacting the residential quality of life in the McKownville area. Through the efforts of the Town and our state legislators, we were successful in having the rumble strips removed. The present Thruway Authority proposal is many times more detrimental to the quality of life in McKownville than the rumble strips were.

It is my understanding that the Thruway is considering noise barriers along the EZPass lanes as mitigation for their construction. I do not consider this to be a viable alternative for the mitigation of the noise, air pollution or visual impacts on the neighborhood. I urge you to consider alternatives other than the construction of new EZPass lanes in the Town of Guilderland.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth D. Runion
Town Supervisor

cc: Hon. Neil Breslin
Hon. John McEnaney