

To: Senator Neil D. Breslin
New York State Senate
The Capitol, Room 414
Albany, New York 12248

From: McKownville Improvement Association (Don Reeb, contact, 489-3909)

Subject: The Flyover and A Big Thank You

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More importantly, the November meeting of the Association was so very pleased to have Amanda Venard of your staff come and address our concerns. The anxiety about the increased noise, air pollution, loss of property and loss in property values from the Thruway's flyover were repeated over and over again and she listened patiently and sympathetically. We understand that the Authority is not the easiest organization to deal with and we most welcome your pledge of assistance.

The Authority said they would charge the Association \$420 for the 1200 or so pages to fulfill the FOIL request—which was truly outrageous. That became one page—and that provided free of charge. Something happened—and I prefer to believe that it was timely intercession. Thank you.

The January 7, 2004 TimesUnion contained a story about the flyover but it was not very rich in detail. I have made further inquiries of the Authority but nothing has yet come forth—and of course I will share the information with you when it is received.

Again, thank you—and do tell Amanda that we are very appreciative of her wonderful presentation. No one left that meeting with anything other than the feeling that you and your office were interested in helping us in our concern about the flyover.

I know you are much too busy and the budget session is about to begin in addition—but if you ever have the time to speak at our monthly meeting we would be very happy to welcome you. The meetings are usually held on the second to last Thursday of the month with meetings held from September through June. I will send your office monthly notices of our meetings just in case.