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Hon. John J. McEneny
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 648
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman ^{John} McEneny:

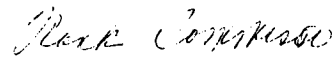
I am writing to inform you of the growing frustration of my constituents in the SUNY campus neighborhood about the cumulative impact that the proposed expansion and development of the State University, Albany NanoTech and the Harriman research and technology park will have on the community and on local roadways.

As I stated at a community meeting last month discussing the Harriman Campus plan, the projects seem to be advancing ad hoc, without proper planning or consideration given to the collective impact they will have on traffic, noise, air quality, loss of privacy and other quality of life issues in the SUNY Campus neighborhood.

It is also disturbing that there has been little or no interaction with other governmental jurisdictions responsible for roads and streets in the impacted area. For instance, the Harriman Campus Development Project has commissioned a transportation study of the area circled by Western Avenue, Fuller Road, Washington Avenue and Brevator Street. Meanwhile, the Capital District Transportation Committee has approved a \$4.8 million two-lane roundabout for the intersection of Fuller Road and Washington Avenue, and the County's Capital Program includes \$10.37 million to repave Fuller Road between Western and Central avenues and make curb, drainage and sidewalk improvements. Apparently no one is addressing the flooding problem on Western Avenue at Fuller Road, which when serious enough closes Western to all traffic. With all of these projects in the works, I would like assurances that they will meet the need and that money will not be wasted.

I would ask you to join me in urging the State, the State University, Albany NanoTech and Harriman Campus Development to work with the County, the City and the Town of Guilderland to plan for infrastructure changes that will be needed to avoid traffic congestion and gridlock and to share in the expense of making these infrastructure improvements.

Very truly yours,



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Albany County Legislature

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