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Commissioner Thomas J. Madison, Jr.
NYS Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Commissioner Madison:

Predictably, the heavy rains of June 26th resulted in serious flooding on State Route 20 (Western Avenue) in front of Stuyvesant Plaza and complaints from business owners and residents wondering when government would address the problem.

Their point is well taken. This has been going on for years and years. It is hazardous for drivers and for residents of the area. It's a financial impediment for shop owners not only in Stuyvesant Plaza but those down the road at Crossgates Mall. And it causes major disruptions in the routines and plans of those who use the road.

We are writing as Albany County legislators who represent residents and business owners of the area to request the State Transportation Department to address this problem once and for all. The situation will only worsen as plans advance to expand and further develop the State University, Albany NanoTech and the Harriman research and technology park.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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