



April 14, 2010

Hon. David A. Paterson
New York State Governor
Executive Chamber
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

The absence of provisions for local highway and bridge program funding, particularly for CHIPS, in the emergency spending bills sent by you to the legislature to keep the government operating without a state budget is an intolerable situation.

As you are aware, this lack of action on your part is resulting in the non-payment by the state of legitimate expenditures that have already been made by contractors, consultants, engineers, local governments and highway departments for work on the state and local transportation systems and has brought much current and future work to a standstill.

Of course you realize that withholding payment for critical infrastructure maintenance and construction during the height of the construction season will not save the state money. Inaction is, in fact, adding new short and long term costs to the state. Deferring maintenance and delaying current and new projects will be a disaster necessitating immediate layoffs in the construction industry, equipment purchase order cancellations and eventual disruption in the supply chain for materials if and when state policy changes and work is allowed to again proceed.

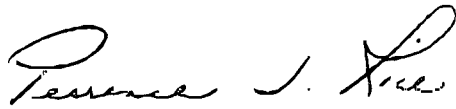
Therefore, we are urging you to include in future emergency spending bills language that will insure state reimbursement for CHIPS and other local transportation related capital construction contracts approved prior to April 1, 2010. Further, approval of new transportation related local capital construction contracts for projects from April 1, 2010 forward must be authorized so as to meet the maintenance and safety demands of our local transportation system and to keep New Yorkers working!

The safety of the driving public and the preservation of the state's transportation infrastructure need to be a top priority of your administration during the budget impasse. Please make certain

that provisions to allow for state reimbursement for local transportation projects are included in future emergency spending bills.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Terrence Rice
NYSCHSA President
Monroe County

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Willie Reifsteck".

Thomas "Willie" Reifsteck
NYSAOTSOH President
Town of Middlesex, Yates County

cc: Members of the Legislature