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June 27, 2017

Honorable Pamela A. Helming  
New York State Senate  
119 Fall Street  
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

**Re: Speed Reduction Request to NYSDOT  
NYS Routes 414 and 318 - TOWN OF TYRE**

Dear Senator Helming:

As you may recall, I wrote to you in December 2016 to request your assistance and support in reducing the speed limit in the vicinity of the new del Lago Resort and Casino located in the Town of Tyre. We recently received a copy of the letter dated May 24, 2017 (copy attached) from David P. Smith, P.E. Regional Director, NYSDOT directed to your office which details the outcome of the NYSDOT Speed Study. The results of the NYSDOT study determined that a reduced speed limit of 40 mph along NYS Route 414 from the Chase Road intersection to a point approximately 1000 feet south of Route 318 would be appropriate, however, "that lowering the speed limit along NYS Route 318, straddling the intersection approaching NYS 414 roughly one-half mile to the west and one-half mile to the east of the intersection, would not be appropriate at this time".

We have since received many calls from concerned citizens who live along NYS Route 318 who are expressing dissatisfaction with this NYSDOT ruling. These local residents feel that there has been a marked increase in traffic since the opening of the del Lago Resort and Casino which only adds to the already high volume of truck traffic heading to the Seneca Meadows Landfill on a daily basis. We have had complaints from several local property owners who state that they are no longer able to safely access their mailboxes, many of which are located on the opposite side of this highway from their homes. Additionally, a number of elderly home owners residing on NYS Route 318 have expressed fear and concern for their safety when exiting their own driveways due to the excessive speed of the current traffic. Construction of the Pine View Circle forty eight unit affordable housing complex (approximately ½ mile east of the intersection) is nearing completion, which will only add to these concerns. Also, construction on Seneca County's proposed multi-million dollar NYS Route 318 Corridor Sewer Project which is encouraging future commercial development along this busy corridor (west of the intersection) is slated to begin later this summer or early fall.

I am once again requesting your assistance on this very important issue. Our Town officials have been working diligently to plan and prepare for the future commercial expansion in this corridor and we would appreciate any help you can give us in our efforts. We feel very strongly that a speed reduction along NYS Route 318 as initially requested, is absolutely necessary for the safety of our citizens. If you could intercede on our behalf with NYSDOT representatives, we would be very appreciative.

Thank you so very much for your continuing support. We truly appreciate your efforts. Please feel free to contact me should you need any further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald F. McGreevy, Supervisor



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May 24, 2017

Honorable Pamela A. Helming  
New York State Senate  
119 Fall Street  
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Dear Senator Helming:

**RE: SPEED STUDY REQUEST  
TOWN OF TYRE**

This is in further response to a letter received from Supervisor Ron McGreevy, town of Tyre, regarding the speed limit at the intersection of State Routes 414 and 318 near the vicinity of the new del Lago Resort and Casino.

The Department has completed its study. We determined a reduced speed limit of 40 MPH along NYS Route 414 from Chase Road intersection to a point approximately 1,000 feet south of Route 318 would be appropriate. The necessary signage will be installed by our maintenance work force as soon as their schedule permits.

Based on the existing roadside development, test drives, accident screening, and radar speed study, our investigation determined that lowering the speed limit along NYS Route 318, straddling the intersection approaching NYS 414 roughly one-half mile to the west and one-half mile to the east of the intersection, would not be appropriate at this time.

Your interest in this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

**David P. Smith, P. E.**  
Regional Director

cc: Ronald F. McGreevy, Supervisor, Town of Tyre