

Joint Legislative Hearing on Transportation
2012-2013 Executive Budget Proposal
Albany, January 26, 2012

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THE CONTINENTAL 1 CORRIDOR IS THE 1,500-MILE DIRECT ROUTE FROM
TORONTO TO MIAMI THAT WILL BRING BUSINESS GROWTH AND FASTER, SAFER TRAVEL.





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On behalf of Continental 1
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James Phillips, President and CEO
Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance
www.canambta.org
On behalf of Continental 1

Thank you for allowing us to appear before you today at this important hearing.

Ken Adams, President and CEO of Empire State Development, has eloquently and smartly articulated that New York State cannot expect to attract new private development unless we provide the basic transportation infrastructure necessary to conduct business.

Transportation connections are the lifeblood of trade, economic activity, jobs, state tax generation and quality of life – in this specific case, completion of Route 219. Currently, we have a blockage in the Region's only north/south highway artery, Route 219, and it needs construction surgery.

The completion of the final 20 miles of Route 219's Western New York section of the Continental 1 Corridor is a most important economic development catalyst. It will enhance a successful, sustainable region, as it is our region's only north-south highway.

7,000 direct jobs and 2,450 induced jobs are projected in the June 2010 GBNRTC Economic Impact Analysis, were you to include in the New York Transportation Budget our request for a one-time \$6.5 million for the SEIS and \$10 million of construction funds per year for 14 years. The cost benefit ratio of these jobs to budgeted funds invested is extremely beneficial to New York State and especially to solving the pervasive need for economic activity in Western Upstate New York. Completion of Route 219 is truly a Signature Transportation Project for New York State.

The Niagara Frontier Urban Area Freight Transportation Study, presented in December 2010 by Wilbur Smith Associates, states that the Region's highway connections to the south/southwest are indirect or circuitous. The study recommends completion of Route 219 Springville to Salamanca. We are here today to request funding to complete the remaining 20-mile portion of Continental 1 in New York State. Wilbur Smith Associates specifies these benefits to the Niagara Frontier Region, New York State, from their highway recommendations:

1. Improves flow of Trade from Canada (immediate area cross-border bridges carry some \$70 Billion in Trade annually between the U.S. and Canada);
2. Reduces costs to shippers moving goods to/from important markets to the south/southwest. Origin/Destination of freight tonnage crossing the area bridges reflect Pennsylvania 19%, Mid-Atlantic 11% and Southeastern U.S. 13%, for a total of 43% likely to prefer to travel the Continental 1 Route 219 as the most direct and cost effective when the remaining 20 miles in New York State are constructed to 4 lanes. New York State enjoys 517,000 jobs directly related to and supported by Trade between the U.S. and Canada.

The Continental 1 Trade Corridor comprises a 1,500-mile, four lane, limited access highway stretching from Toronto, Ontario, Canada to Miami, Florida. Western New York’s location is the direct and sole connection as the southern suburb of the Golden Triangle of the vast economic engine and population of the Greater Toronto Area of Ontario, Canada, a prime market for New York exports to that vast economic upscale population and economy.

The Western New York Regional Economic Development Council’s Bi-national/Logistics Working Group identified completion of Route 219 as a transformational project and recommended it as a priority. The goal was to reinforce the Region as a primary hub in the global logistics Trade network and to leverage directly related new local regional economic activity and job creation.

Unfortunately, when the WNY Regional Economic Council itself made its review decisions, it eliminated Route 219 from its top project list for the concern of it enabling urban sprawl. With all due respect, while the section of Route 219 connected to Buffalo completed by New York State years ago may or may not have contributed to development of the southern suburbs of the City of Buffalo, the completion of the final portion from Springville to Salamanca is the issue of this budget request and it has zero impact of any population migration. Instead, it is actually about jobs, creating local economic activity and expansion and connecting existing local and rural communities, coupled with the resultant benefits to completing an efficient trading route.

- In a recent Zogby poll, 84 % of key decision makers along the Corridor in New York and Pennsylvania supported the completion of the Route 219 highway.
- Pennsylvania is moving to release \$350 million in construction financing to complete the Somerset portion of Route 219. Maryland has funds earmarked for completion of its two-mile portion of the route.

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New York completing Route 219 means that area and local companies can produce, service, warehouse and distribute products and people more efficiently. Families and students will travel more effectively, patients will access medical services, and businesses will grow. Completing 219 will create a safer highway, jobs and economic prosperity.

Your time and kind attention is appreciated.

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**JAMES PHILLIPS, DISTINGUISHED BUSINESSMAN AND SPEAKER,
HOLDS DEGREES IN ACCOUNTING, MBA IN CORPORATE MANAGEMENT
AND HONORARY DOCTOR OF COMMERCIAL SCIENCE.**

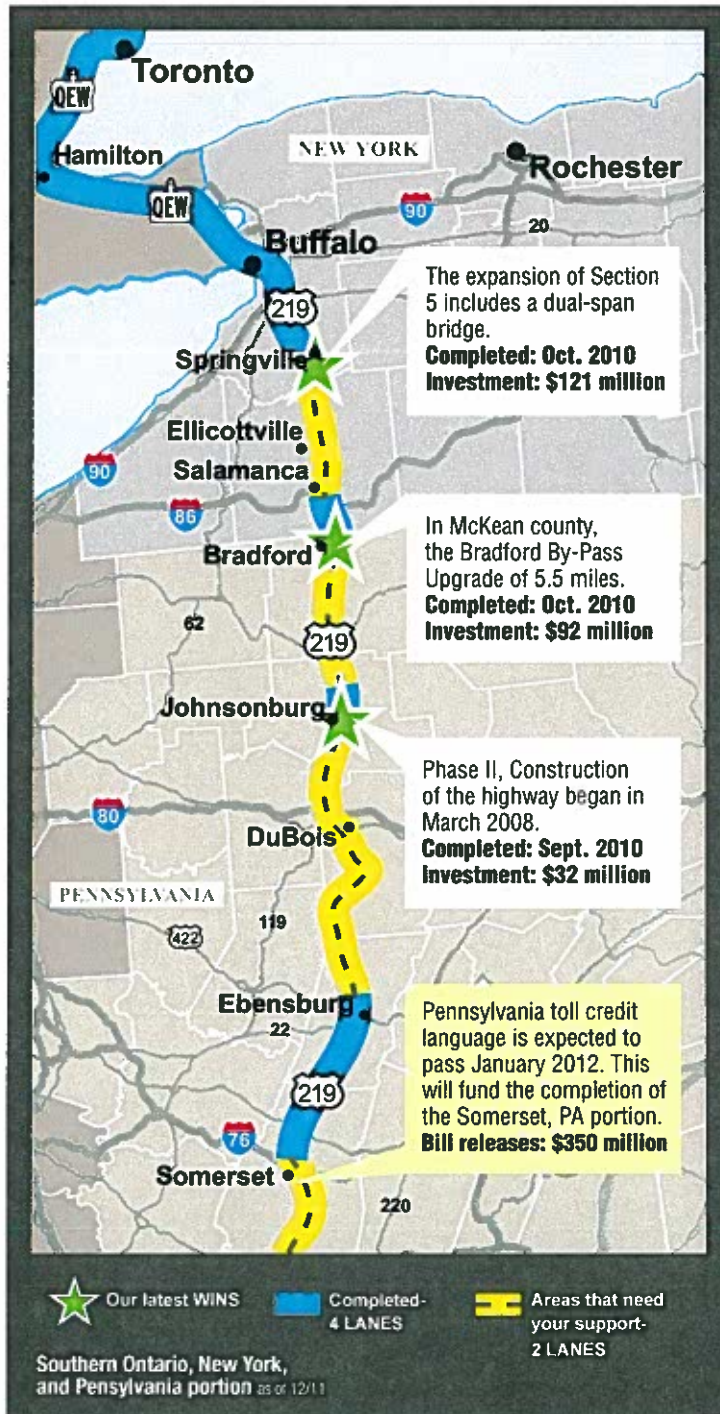
PRESIDENT & CEO, 1992 TO PRESENT, CAN/AM BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE (CAN/AM BTA). THE CANADIAN/AMERICAN BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE, FORMED IN 1992, IS A TRANSCONTINENTAL, BI-NATIONAL, BROAD BASED ORGANIZATION WITH PARTICIPATION FROM ALL 27 STATES (WASHINGTON TO MAINE INCLUDING ALASKA) ON OR NEAR THE U.S./CANADA BORDER AND THE CANADIAN PROVINCES. THE COMBINED NETWORK INVOLVES OVER 60,000 COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS. CAN/AM BTA PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM BORDER TRADE, BORDER CROSSING AND TRANSPORTATION SEGMENTS INCLUDING PRODUCERS, SHIPPERS, BROKERS, MODE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS, BRIDGE AND TUNNEL OPERATORS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, BUSINESS AND TRADE CORRIDOR ASSOCIATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THE CAN/AM BTA'S MAJOR FOCUS AREAS ARE TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, BORDER MANAGEMENT AND VISITATION.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE, COOPERATIVE, MAJOR MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR INITIATIVES CONNECTING U.S./CANADA. CAN/AM BTA MEMBERS ARE KEY PARTICIPANTS IN EACH.

HE IS PAST PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ABRASIVE, WHERE HE SERVED AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE, AND VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS OF THE CANADIAN SUBSIDIARY, GENERAL ABRASIVE (CANADA) LIMITED. PRIOR TO HIS EMPLOYMENT AT GENERAL ABRASIVE, HE WAS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE PIGMENTS DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY.

HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE MAJORITY AND THE GOVERNOR TO THE NEW YORK STATE SUPERFUND MANAGEMENT BOARD. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE MARQUIS "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN BUSINESS IN THE EAST"; "WHO'S WHO IN FINANCE AND INDUSTRY" AND "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA". APPEARED ON TELEVISION AND RADIO IN VARIOUS FORMATS AS A SPOKESPERSON FOR BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY.

MR. PHILLIPS HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF AWARDS IN RECOGNITION FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS AND WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS DRESSER GOLD MEDAL FOR THE MOST INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE CONTRIBUTION TO TECHNOLOGY FOR HIS PATENTED FURNACE PLANT DESIGN. HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE AWARD BY THE GOVERNOR.



Our Supporters Say It All

The following comments are speaker excerpts from our October 20, 2011 Roundtable testimony. We thank all of our participants for their support, time and passion.

► **Patrick J. Whalen, COO**
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC)
Buffalo, NY

The completion of Route 219 is essential in not only providing patients with greater and more accessible health care, but also to help strengthen the health care industry in WNY.

► **John Manzella**
Manzella Trade Communications, Inc.
Williamsville, NY

Western New York offers a unique value proposition. Located on the border, we can enable companies to establish one location to penetrate two markets. If a company is interested in reaching half the U.S. and Canadian population in a one-day truck drive, WNY is the ideal location to establish a presence. C-1 will much more efficiently connect WNY to points south, enhancing the competitiveness of the region, New York State and North America.

► **Kathryn Byrk Friedman, Ph.D., Esq.**
University at Buffalo, Regional Institute
Director of Law and Policy Research
Buffalo, NY

Establishing Continental 1 would ensure that the bi-national region maintains its place as a critical link in Canada-US trade flows and would secure access and mobility for businesses engaged in cross-border trade...with close to \$645 billion worth of goods annually flowing across the Canada-US border – 30 percent of which crosses in bi-national Buffalo-Niagara.

► **Stephen F. Mayer, Ph.D., P.E.**
Niagara University, College of Business
Administration - Assistant Professor
Technology Commercialization Clinic - Director
Niagara Falls, NY

In Western New York – with the largest trade corridor in New York and second largest in the United States...we do not have an effective north-south route.... If we are to build a sustainable region and one that promotes our long run economic viability, we must get on with the completion of the Route 219/Continental 1 infrastructure that will strengthen our region's claim on international trade and connections. We can offer a real alternative to areas where infrastructure is at its limits and expansion of capacity is very costly.

► **D. Arthur Hile, Finance Director**
Americas and Asia Pacific
Dresser-Rand Co.
Olean, NY

Completing 219/Continental 1 will benefit existing and potentially new industries...by providing cost effective transportation of raw materials, supplies, parts, and products to customers; reducing transit times, increasing competitiveness, and significantly improving access for companies to airports and terminals in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Toronto.

► **Dennis Eshbaugh, President and CEO**
Holiday Valley Resort
Route 219 Association, President
Ellicottville, NY

Continental 1 will enhance and expand the economic potential of tourism and entertainment. The economic impact of increased access to and through the region cannot be overstated.

- Buffalo Bills/Sabres attendees spend \$120 per event
- Allegany State Park/Ellicottville ski areas attract estimated 3 million visitors annually
- \$2.4 billion spent on tourism in Western New York annually

► **Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., President**
St. Bonaventure University
Olean, NY

St. Bonaventure University is a cultural, educational and economic force in the Western Southern Tier. However, its remote location limits accessibility from safety and convenience considerations, to nearby cultural centers. Expressway access to Buffalo, Pittsburgh and points beyond would enhance the University's impact on the region economically and generally.

► **Alan Pero, International Supervisor**
International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 17
Lake View, NY

The extensions of the 219 would mean "jobs, jobs and jobs." Jobs not only for the operating engineers but also the laborers, iron-workers and heavy carpenters. What would it mean to the local communities – simply the economic engine that has been missing in Western New York since the demise of big steel!

► **The Hon. Catherine Young, New York State Senator**
57th Senatorial District

The completion of Route 219 has been a long battle – more than 40 years, but in the last ten years we've made more progress than any time before.

This progress could not come at a better time as there is no more urgent need in our community, in our state, or in our country than growing the economy and more jobs.

I'm very pleased that we have so many stakeholders from our community - business leaders, labor leaders, people from academia, and so on who understand this project is a crucial issue for Western New York, and for our future.

With the additional support from WNY Delegation members and Gov. Cuomo, who I believe very strongly understand how critical this project is to WNY, we are ever closer to achieving the ultimate goal of having this entire route constructed.

Sign up and receive a window decal!

Show your support at continental1.org.





Partners

One of Continental 1's notable accomplishments is establishing coalitions with other national and bi-national trade corridor organizations and forging partnerships with like-minded organizations in Southern Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

EDUCATION



BUSINESSES



ORGANIZATIONS



- North South Appalachian Highway Coalition
- Route 219 Association

The completion of Continental 1 – which includes Route 219 in New York and Pennsylvania – will mean sustainable jobs for the region and a safe, efficient route from Toronto to Miami. Your support of Continental 1 can help move this transformational project forward! If you or your organization would like to help, contact us at www.continental1.org

CONTINENTAL 1 / ROUTE 219 – LETTERS OF SUPPORT
(Representative sample; additional letters available upon request)

Manufacturing

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| 1 | General Motors – Tonawanda Engine
Tonawanda, New York |
| 2 | Dresser-Rand
Olean, New York |
| 3 | Zippo Manufacturing Co. and W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Co.
Bradford, PA |
| 4 | American Refining Group
Bradford, PA |

Healthcare

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| 5 | Upper Allegheny Health System
Olean, New York |
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Education

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| 6 | St. Bonaventure University
Olean, New York |
| 7 | Canisius College
Buffalo, New York |
| 8 | SUNY, Erie Community College
Buffalo, New York |

Travel/Tourism

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| 9 | Holiday Valley Resort
Ellicottville, New York |
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Regional Business

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| 10 | Try-it Distributing Co., Inc.
Buffalo, New York |
| 11 | Salamanca Lumber Co., Inc.
Salamanca, New York |
| 12 | CUTCO Corporation
Olean, New York |
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13 Fitzpatrick & Weller, Inc.
Ellicottville, New York

14 Minard Run Oil Company
Bradford, PA

Regional Organizations/Government

15 Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Buffalo, New York

16 Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (The Peace Bridge)
Buffalo, New York

17 Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board
Salamanca, New York

18 Route 219 Association
Salamanca, New York

19 Cattaraugus County Dept. of Economic Dev., Planning & Tourism
Little Valley, New York

20 Town of Fort Erie
Ontario, Canada

21 Borough of Ebensburg
Ebensburg, PA



August 2, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Ms. Joan McDonald, Commissioner
NYS Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12232

Re: Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
Route 219 Funding

Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner McDonald:

As plant manager of the General Motors Tonawanda Engine plant in Buffalo, NY, I am sending this letter to respectfully request that funding for the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), NYSDOT PIN 5101.84, and the completion of Route 219 Sections 6-12, be included in the New York State statewide transportation plan.

General Motors has invested \$2.3 billion over the past decade into the Buffalo facility and currently employs 844 people. These projects are critical to Western New York's most vital long-term economic development project: the completion of Route 219 as a safe and efficient limited access four-lane trade corridor. Until the SEIS is completed, further highway construction between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled.

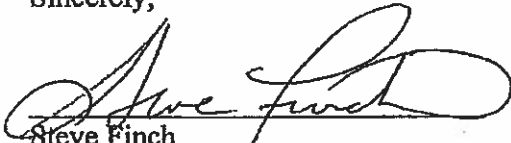
A completed Route 219 will be the sole North-South intermodal connection in our region. This High Priority Trade and Travel Corridor is the New York State portion of Continental 1, a multi-state and bi-national effort. Continental 1 will provide our region with a nationally significant trade corridor connection from Toronto to Miami using 1,300 miles of completed interstate highways. Finishing approximately 20 miles of Route 219 is the essential connection for the New York State portion of the route.

NYSDOT estimates the SEIS cost, the first step to full funding of the Route 219 construction in the Long-Term Capital Transportation Plan, to be \$6,000,000 for a three-year study.

General Motors respectfully requests that the New York State Department of Transportation aggressively pursue these funds through the New York State budget process and from the United States Department of Transportation for this vital economic development project.

Thank you, Governor, and Commissioner, for your leadership in the revitalization of Western New York's economy through the funding of the Route 219 construction and SEIS.

Sincerely,



Steve Finch
Plant Manager
General Motors Tonawanda Engine

cc:

Honorable Sheldon Silver
Assembly Speaker
NYS Assembly

Honorable Dean G. Skelos
Temporary President and Majority Leader
NYS Senate

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August 31, 2010

Senator Charles Schumer
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Buffalo, New York 14202

Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand
Larkin At Exchange
726 Exchange Street, Suite 511
Buffalo, New York 14210

Stanley Gee, Acting Commissioner
NYS Department of Transportation
Office of the Commissioner
50 Wolf Rd
Albany, NY 12232

SUBJECT: Dresser-Rand Request for Completion of Route 219 SEIS

Dear Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and Acting Commissioner Gee:

On behalf of Dresser-Rand Company (a major employer of laborers in Western New York), I respectfully request your immediate and personal involvement and support so as to urge the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) so that the same can be promptly completed.

As a major employer of more than 2000 employees in Western New York (over 400 hired in the past 3 years), Dresser-Rand is well aware of and equally concerned with the economic challenges confronting the government and private sector alike in today's economic environment. As such, completion of the SEIS continues to play a critical aspect in Dresser-Rand's expansion of business undertakings at its three primary manufacturing facilities in Olean, Wellsville and Painted Post, NY. However, until the SEIS is completed, further construction of the limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. Please note that Sections 1-4 of this project were completed in 1983; Section 5 will open early this fall. However, construction of Sections 6 through 12 cannot resume until the SEIS is completed.

It is essential that Route 219 be completed in that it serves as the sole North-South intermodal connection within two hundred miles of our region. Continental 1, a multi-stage effort, is a High Priority Trade and Travel Corridor from Toronto, crossing at the Peace Bridge, through Buffalo, to Miami. Completing Route 219 is the essential connection for this route.

As you know, Western New York and Western Pennsylvania have long been one of the most economically distressed parts of the two states. Each is characterized by declining population, negative economic growth, and a diminishing tax base. Completion of Rt. 219 construction on Continental 1 is essential and critical for Dresser-Rand to meet our forward looking business needs. Convenient access to Buffalo is important for our clients, suppliers and employees. In addition, lack of this infrastructure has consistently proven to be a barrier to recruiting talent to this region as well as securing and retaining customers.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and efforts to secure NYSDOT's commitment to immediately fund the Rt. 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,



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June 10, 2010

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Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
 Larkin At Exchange
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 Buffalo, New York 14210

Dear Senator Gillibrand:



W.R. Case & Sons
 Cutlery Co.
 Owens Way
 Bradford, PA USA
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I am writing to enlist your uncompromising support in urging the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).



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Many of us are well aware of New York State's current fiscal difficulties. However, until the SEIS is completed, further construction of limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. Sections 1-4 of this project were completed in 1983; Section 5 will open early this fall. Construction of Sections 6 through 12 cannot resume until the SEIS is completed.

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A completed Route 219 would be the one and only North-South intermodal connection within two hundred miles of our region. Continental 1, a multi-state effort, is a High Priority Trade and Travel Corridor from Toronto, crossing at the Peace Bridge, through Buffalo, to Miami. Completing Route 219, in my opinion, is the essential connection for this route.

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Western New York and Western Pennsylvania have long been one of the most economically distressed regions of the two states. Each is characterized by declining population, negative economic growth, and a diminishing tax base. Completion of the Route 219 construction on Continental 1 will generate economic growth by retaining and expanding existing industries through efficient access to markets and suppliers, and by making the corridor communities more competitive in attracting new industries.

Thank you, Senator, for your request to NYSDOT to immediately fund the Route 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,


 Gregory W. Booth



AMERICAN REFINING GROUP
LUBRICANTS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS DIVISION

September 16, 2010

Senator Charles Schumer
130 South Elmwood Avenue
Suite 660
Buffalo, New York 14202

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Larkin At Exchange
726 Exchange Street, Suite 511
Buffalo, New York 14210

Dear Senators Schumer and Gillibrand:

I request your aggressive support in urging the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). American Refining Group, Inc. is a small refiner in northwest Pennsylvania, specifically Bradford, PA. We supply gasoline and heating oil to many distributors and end-users in the southern tier of New York and the northern tier of Pennsylvania. In addition, we sell numerous products throughout the region and utilize Rt 219 for almost 90% of our shipments. This road is a critical link between the refinery and its customer base. In Pennsylvania we are actively promoting upgrading of Rt 219 from Interstate 86 south to Interstate 80.

While we are all well aware of New York State's current fiscal difficulties, until the SEIS is completed, further construction of a limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. Sections 1-4 of this project were completed in 1983. Section 5 will open early this fall. Construction of Sections 6 through 12 cannot resume until the SEIS is completed.

A completed Rt 219 will be the sole North-South intermodal connection within two hundred miles of our region. Continental 1, a multi-state effort, is a High Priority Trade and Travel Corridor from Toronto, crossing at the Peace Bridge, through Buffalo, to Miami. Completing Route 219 is the essential connection for this route.

Western New York and Western Pennsylvania have long been among the most economically distressed parts of our two states. Each is characterized by declining population, negative economic growth, and a diminishing tax base. Completion of the Rt 219 construction on Continental 1 will generate economic growth by retaining and expanding existing industries through efficient access to markets and suppliers, and by making the corridor communities more competitive in attracting new industries.

Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
September 16, 2010
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I appreciate your consideration, and thank you, Senators, for your support in requesting
NYSDOT to immediately fund the Route 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey L. Golubock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "H".

Harvey L. Golubock
President & COO

HLG:sls

cc: Mike Glesk



September 7, 2010

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Larkin At Exchange
726 Exchange Street, Suite 511
Buffalo, New York 14210

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

I request your aggressive support in urging the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

We are all well aware of New York State's current fiscal difficulties. However, until the SEIS is completed, further construction of limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. Sections 1-4 of this project were completed in 1983; Section 5 will open early this fall. Construction of Sections 6 through 12 cannot resume until the SEIS is completed.

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Thank you, Senators, for your request to NYSDOT to immediately fund the Route 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,

Timothy Finan
President and CEO

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 2, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
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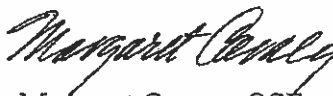
I am requesting your support for the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), NYSDOT PIN 5101.84 and that funding for the completion of Route 219 be included in the New York State statewide transportation plan.

Route 219 is the main north-south Route from Buffalo to the Pennsylvania border and is an important tool for economic development of the Southern Tier. Until the SEIS is completed, further highway construction between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. A completed four lane highway will provide a safer and faster way for St. Bonaventure University students and parents who travel from the Buffalo area or the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport. This will not only benefit St. Bonaventure economically, but the entire Southern Tier economy.

Furthermore, the completion of Route 219 will be New York State's portion of the Continental 1, a multi state and bi-national effort that will provide a trade corridor from Toronto to Miami. Finishing New York State's 20 miles of highway is essential to make Continental 1 possible.

Please support the funding for Route 219 and the SEIS through the New York state budget process and the United States Department of Transportation. Thank you for your leadership you have shown for the revitalization of Western New York's economy.

Sincerely,



Margaret Carney, OSF
President



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September 10, 2010

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
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RE: Development of Route 219

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

I am writing to request your support of the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) by the New York State Department of Transportation. Completion of the SEIS will permit further construction of Sections 6 through 12 of the limited access four-lane highway between Buffalo and Interstate 86 to proceed. Section 5 of the highway will open early this fall.

Canisius College supports all efforts that are designed to improve the economic health and well-being of the Western New York area. We support Continental 1's programs and activities that are working to expand and improve upon Route 219. Such work will certainly aid the local economy by providing a quicker and safer transportation route from Buffalo's suburbs to Pennsylvania and points south, assisting business transportation as well as individuals using the road for personal travel.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Kruly
Director, Government Relations

Jack Quinn
President

Senator Charles Schumer
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Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
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September 14, 2010

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Thank you, Senators, for your request to NYSDOT to immediately fund the Route 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,


Jack Quinn
President

Thanks very much!




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June 8, 2010

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Larkin at Exchange
726 Exchange Street, Suite 511
Buffalo NY 14210

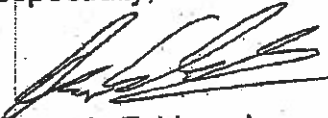
Dear Hon. Gillibrand:

I'm writing to request your help, support and funding for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) that the NYS DOT is trying to undertake on behalf of the Route 219 Association.

Holiday Valley is an economic bright spot in the rural economy of Western New York. Transportation corridors are key to our continued success and we have been anxiously awaiting the completion of this road for many years. The funding for continued construction of the future Section 6 is in place, but the updated requirements by the US Corps of Army Engineers for a SEIS have provided a new twist for the state transportation department.

Please help with the support and needed funds to keep this project on track.

Respectfully,



Dennis A. Eshbaugh
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August 12, 2010

Senator Charles Schumer
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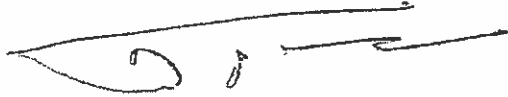
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Reinier Taapken
President
Salamanca Lumber Company



James E. Stitt
CEO & Chairman

January 31, 2011

Senator Catherine Young
Westgate Plaza
700 West State Street
Olean, NY 14760

Dear Senator Young:

I request your aggressive support in urging the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to immediately fund the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). Our company is located in the Western New York area and we employ 700+ employees and these employees utilize these highways and Interstate 86, and they too, wish for your support in the completion of Rt 219.

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Sincerely,

James E. Stitt

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September 2, 2010

Senator Charles Schumer
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Thank you, Senators, for your request to NYSDOT to immediately fund the Route 219 SEIS.

Sincerely,

Dana G. Fitzpatrick
Chairman of the Board



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August 25, 2010

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Larkin At Exchange
726 Exchange Street, Suite 511
Buffalo, New York 14210

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

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**2011 Regional Agenda
Transportation Projects**

Buffalo Niagara's transportation system is the lifeblood that enables the region's target industry sectors to thrive, providing access within 500 miles – a day's trip – of 41% of the U.S. population and 59% of the Canadian population. With funding streams for transportation in flux, it is imperative that we prioritize regionally significant transportation and logistics projects that will have the greatest impact and return-on-investment, while continuing to fight, as a region, for our share of transportation dollars.

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Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Access and Park Restoration Project

- Reconfiguration and park restoration of a one-mile segment of the Robert Moses Parkway; reconstruct and streetscape a one-mile segment of Buffalo Avenue, and demolish, consolidate, and reconstruct roadway access along a two-mile segment of the Robert Moses Parkway - \$47.6MM total (80% federal/20% local match)


Olcott Harbor Breakwater

- Planning and construction of a breakwater or other wave attenuation system for the Olcott Harbor to protect Lake Ontario shoreline - \$8MM

STATE

Continental 1

- Restoration of NYSDOT funding needed to complete the Route 219/Continental 1 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement – \$6.5 MM



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August 11, 2010

Hon. Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator
Larkin at Exchange
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Dear Senator Gillibrand:

On behalf of the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (PBA), I would like to express strong support for Continental 1's ongoing efforts to advance the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The Continental 1 Travel and Trade Corridor is a transportation initiative whose completion is critical to the long-term economic prosperity of both North America and those regions currently serviced by the project route, including Buffalo, NY and Fort Erie, Ontario.

As an integral component of the Continental 1 corridor, the Peace Bridge facility is well positioned to identify and promote the vast economic benefits of stronger roadway connections and improved efficiency along the entire travel and trade route.

Along with an expanded Peace Bridge corridor, Continental 1's proposed continuous four-lane highway system – crossing the lines of two major U.S. rail carriers and fourteen east-west interstate highways – will significantly enhance local tourism and trade linkages, by providing the infrastructure necessary to connect Buffalo Niagara and Southern Ontario to major markets and destinations across the eastern seaboard.

Route 219 upgrades are a critical component of the Continental 1 vision and construction of the project's final sections should be resumed immediately, in order to more rapidly harness the immense economic potential of this trade corridor. Therefore, funding for related SEIS completion should be approved and provided by the New York State Department of Transportation at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for your consideration on this and other important regional projects.

Sincerely,



Ron Rienas
General Manager

cc: Chris Hauser, President, Continental One
Phil Scherer, Executive Director, Continental One



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ANDREW J. RUDNICK,
PRESIDENT & CEO

July 22, 2011

Ms. Joan McDonald
NYS Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Commissioner McDonald:

On behalf of the 2,500 employer members of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, I urge you to support the inclusion of funding for the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), NYSDOT PIN 5101.84, and the completion of Route 219 Sections 6-12 in New York's statewide transportation plan. The funding requested is critical to the completion of Continental 1 – a transportation project that has the potential to generate economic growth and boost private sector investment in communities from Toronto, Ontario to Miami, Florida.

Considering Buffalo Niagara's strategic location on the border of the world's two largest trading partners, the continued development of the Continental 1 High Priority Trade and Travel Corridor is an economic opportunity that will help our region capitalize on its position as a gateway for more than 30% of the \$7 trillion annual U.S. export business that flows through the Continental 1 corridor.

The proposed four-lane highway, which would cross the lines of two major U.S. rail carriers and fourteen east-west interstate highways, enhances Buffalo Niagara's appeal as a logistics hub by dramatically extending its road feeder system. This improved and efficient infrastructure system would stretch from Toronto to Miami offering vital linkage to all East Coast metro centers, air and marine ports.

Route 219 is a crucial part of the project – upon completion; it will serve as our region's sole North-South intermodal connection to the C-1 Trade and Travel Corridor. However, construction on the final six sections of the highway, constituting approximately 20 miles of roadway, is currently stalled until adequate funding is received for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Given that Continental 1 would be a catalyst for our bi-national regional economy, I urge you to request that the NYSDOT pursue state and federal funding opportunities for this vital economic development project so Continental 1 can advance to the next stage of its development thus, driving private sector investment and job creation.

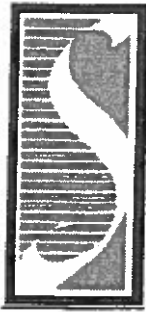
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Andrew J. Rudnick

cc. Chris Hauser, President, Continental 1
Dennis Eshbaugh, President, Route 219 Association

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James Cooper, Chairman
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July 25, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Ms. Joan McDonald, Commissioner
NYS Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12232

Re: Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
Route 219 Funding

Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner McDonald:

The Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board respectfully requests that funding for the Route 219 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), NYSDOT PIN 5101.84, and the completion of Route 219 Sections 6-12, be included in the New York State statewide transportation plan.

Until the SEIS is completed, further highway construction between Buffalo and Interstate 86 will continue to be stalled. These projects are critical to Western New York's most vital long-term economic development project: the completion of Route 219 as a safe and efficient limited access four-lane trade corridor.

Thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in investment in local business development hang in the balance of the completion of US 219. Cattaraugus County has been deeply hurt by the economic recession that began in 2008. A commitment to the immediate completion of the freeway will provide relief to a distressed economy burdened by the recession. Consider:

- Long-term benefits: 7,000 direct jobs and 2,450 induced jobs from development projects and resulting economic expansion.
- Construction benefits: employment impacts, including direct construction jobs, indirect jobs directly supplying the construction project, and induced jobs will total 20,100 person years. Total payroll : an estimated \$769 million.

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October 26, 2010

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
Larken at Exchange
726 Exchange Street, Suite 511
Buffalo, New York 14210

Re: Continental 1 Project

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

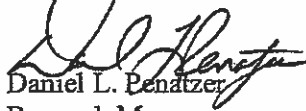
The North/South Appalachian Highway Coalition asks that you support strongly the funding of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) for the Continental 1/Route 219 project. Without this immediate study, the progress in completing this travel and trade corridor will come to a halt. The Continental 1 corridor is a central component of the effort to generate economic growth in the New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland communities along this proposed limited access, four-lane highway as well as for all people in this region from Miami to Toronto.

We also support the funding of the completion of the Continental 1. This corridor, which crosses 14 interstate highways and two major railways, will serve as this region's only North-South intermodal connection. Economic opportunities will be greatly enhanced.

The Continental 1/Route 219 associations understand that continuing all efforts to complete the construction of Continental 1/Route 219 will allow the full development of targeted industries and be a catalyst for our bi-national regional economy. We therefore ask that the full funding of the SEIS be immediately implemented so that we can move forward in this effort to complete this corridor which is within reach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Daniel L. Penatzer
Borough Manager