



April 20, 2022

Hon. Lucy Lang
NYS Inspector General
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 2, 16th Floor
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Inspector General Lang:

Thank you for our phone call discussion last week. As a follow-up to our conversation and my FOIL request regarding your office's investigation of the state's role in the events leading up to and following the horrific October 6, 2018 Schoharie limousine crash that tragically took the lives of 20 people, including several of my constituents, I respectfully urge your office to complete its report, get it to the New York State Stretch Limousine Passenger Safety Task Force, and make that publicly available expeditiously.

There is currently legislation, S.7563/A.8493A, that passed both houses of the legislature and is awaiting to be sent to the Governor for her review and signature, to extend the deadline for the New York State Stretch Limousine Passenger Safety Task Force to make its final report and recommendations to October 1, 2022. It's critical the Task Force has sufficient time to thoroughly read and digest the IG's report on the Schoharie Limo crash so it can use that information in its own report and policy recommendations to the governor and legislature so we can take any further actions warranted to keep the public safe.

We're entering prom season and the busy six-month seasonal period from May through October where many New Yorkers rent these type of stretch vehicles for weddings, concerts, graduations, or a day out with friends like what happened in Schoharie. We need to give the families of the 20 wonderful people who lost their lives some answers and we need to know what can be done to give people peace of mind in the future that they will be safe if they use these vehicles.

Thank you for what I hope will be your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Tedisco".

Senator Jim Tedisco