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Congressman Lee M. Zeldin
First Congressional District of New York

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New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)
Attn: Howie Mann
Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee
Room 6A19
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Re: NYMTC Regional Freight Plan Update 2015-2040, Task 4 Summary Report

Dear Mr. Mann,

On behalf of my constituents on Long Island's North Fork, I am contacting you to request that the Cross Sound Enhancement Project be removed as a part of the NYMTC Regional Freight Plan. As you know, this plan calls for the diversion of 3,000 trucks from I-95 in Connecticut to the most rural area of Long Island.

I have some very deep concerns with the Cross Sound Enhancement Project. The plan is ill advised, as it obviously fails to properly assess the North Fork's road system. The North Fork road system cannot accommodate an additional 3,000 trucks per year that would travel the 30 miles of rural road between Orient Point and the entrance of I-495.

To attempt to move 3,000 trucks from I-95 in Connecticut to the North Fork of Long Island, NY, also presents a serious safety issue to residents living in the Towns of Southold and Riverhead. Route 25 is a two lane rural route, which has a designated bicycle route. This leads to concerns regarding pedestrian safety during the summer months.

The North Fork is not designed to support this diversion of I-95 corridor traffic and I will work hard to prevent this scheme from unfolding to the detriment of my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee M. Zeldin".

Lee M. Zeldin
Member of Congress
First Congressional District