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SENATOR, 60<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

May 4, 2018

Ms. Rose Harvey  
Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany New York 12207

Dear Commissioner Harvey:

Over the past year, I have heard from hundreds of my constituents from Grand Island regarding the closure of the West River Parkway. While I am aware the Parkway is now closed and construction has begun, one of the lingering issues homeowners along West River Road face is increased traffic in front of their homes.

This increase is certainly a legitimate concern for families. I believe a full traffic impact study should be conducted by the New York State Department of Transportation along West River Road, as well as adjacent roads like Staley and Whitehaven roads, to assuage the concerns raised by residents. Now that the spring has arrived, and more people will be out to enjoy the weather, I believe now would be the time to get an accurate assessment of just what kind of traffic issues these residents will have to face with the Parkway's closure.

Please let me know of your decision so I can share it with the homeowners along West River Road, and the rest of the Grand Island community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Jacobs  
New York State Senator  
60<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Supervisor Nathan McMurray  
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