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**Via E-MAIL**

Ms. Roseann Caruana  
Staten Island Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
Borough Hall  
Staten Island, New York 10301

Ms. Lynda Ricciardone  
Staten Island Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
Stonehenge  
1150 Clove Road  
Staten Island, New York 10301

**Re: Silver Lake Road**

Dear Commissioner Caruana and Commissioner Ricciardone:

Please accept this letter as a formal request on behalf of the people of Staten Island to return the Silver Lake Park transverse to its "open during the week," pre-covid status. We urge you to re-open the road from Monday morning to Friday evening as it was pre-pandemic.

We request you to take these steps as we believe this current "closed all the time" status creates a public safety hazard and welcomes traffic congestion.

During the week, the presence of vehicles will make the park safer. Its desolate nature leaves many unsuspecting park users to be potential targets of crime. Others could be victim of accidents or medical emergencies. Quite simply, having people around makes it safer.

Moreover, the current condition causes an enormous traffic congestion problem in and around Forest Avenue and Victory Boulevard. This constant traffic jam is unsafe for emergency vehicles, buses, pedestrians, and commuters. This congestion will be relieved automatically by returning Silver Lake Road to its prior status.

We urge you to take the “common sense” steps outlined herein. Of course, we are available to discuss this matter with you at any time. Thank you for all you do for the people of Staten Island.

Sincerely,



Michael E. McMahon  
Richmond County District Attorney



Vito J. Fossella  
Staten Island Borough President



Kamillah M. Hanks  
Council Member, 49<sup>th</sup> District