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Project Coordinator
NY Gateway Connection Improvement
Plan to the US Peace Bridge Project
NYS DOT Design Office
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Dear Sir:

Welcome to Busti Avenue and the West side!

These families are fond of their stately homes, but know not to be outside for too long because the air quality is poor. They've watched the beautiful homes on Busti being raised long before they have fallen into disrepair. They and their neighbors have experienced asthma from the massive amounts of constant bridge traffic and diesel fuel.

The Investigative Post on May 25, 2012 reports that one-quarter of the 660 students in a nearby school have asthma. They are convinced that expansion means the potential for more traffic congestion. The potential of greater number of trucks will further pollute the air quality.

Resident nor traveler has been happy with using the Peace Bridge with its confusing turns and directions, and signs and yet there are proposals set again for new expansion. Can #190 N handle this overload? Can families walk safely to the waterfront? Will the cases of asthma increase? They need to see an Assessment Study.

The West Side population is bitterly disappointed that they have had little time and insufficient information on this project. They would like to participate in discussion and be a mutual part of the decisions reached by the DOT.

Would you like to raise your family with what's happening here? Please tell them how the West Side benefits from this projected expansion.

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