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Gentlemen,

**Below find a copy of a press release and a letter form the "Honorable" Charles E. Schumer to CP rail!**

**What do you think???**

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**Feel free to pass it along to any and all interested parties**

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Thought you'd be interested.

Best

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Browne, Emily (Schumer)  
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SCHUMER TO CANADIAN PACIFIC: "PONY-UP" – SENATOR DEMANDS CANADIAN PACIFIC RAIL QUICKLY UNVEIL PLAN TO FIX PONY FARM BRIDGE IN ONEONTA; BRIDGE'S STATE OF DISREPAIR CUTS OFF DIRECT ACCESS TO MAIN THOROUGHFARE, HURTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CAUSING SAFETY CONCERNS

Recently the Bridge Connecting Pony Farm Road with State Route 7 was Closed due to its Dilapidated Condition, leaving Local Businesses Facing Restrictions on Deliveries and Redirecting Truck Traffic to Small Roadways Unable to Handle them

Canadian Pacific Rail owns the Bridge but has Dragged its Heels in Deciding How to Repair and Re-open Bridge

Schumer Sends Letter to CP Rail Calling on Company to Promptly Offer Plan to Rehabilitate Bridge and Open it to the Public

With the Pony Farm Bridge currently closed due to its dilapidated condition, today U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer called on the bridge's owner, Canadian Pacific Rail, to promptly release a plan on how it will fix and reopen the bridge so local businesses in the Town of Oneonta are no longer financially hurt by its closure at the end of last year. The Pony Farm Bridge located in the Town of Oneonta connects Pony Farm Road to State Route 7, a vital pathway that allows local businesses in the area to receive quick deliveries and traffic to easily flow between the two roads.

However, due to the bridge's decrepit condition, the bridge has been closed by the New York State Department of Transportation, burdening businesses located in the area with restrictions on the deliveries they can receive, and redirecting truck traffic to roadways not equipped to handle this type of transit. Additionally, the detour requires utilization of another bridge that has been threatened by rising water levels since the devastating floods of 2006.

Since its closure, Canadian Pacific Rail has failed to state how it will repair and reopen the bridge, despite funds secured by State Senator James Seward to aid in some of the projected costs. Today Schumer personally sent a letter to Canadian Pacific Rail calling on the company to quickly issue a plan on how it would reopen the bridge so local businesses are no longer harmed.

"Canadian Pacific Rail owes the residents and businesses in the Town of Oneonta an answer as to how it will fix the Pony Farm Bridge and reopen it to the public," said Senator Schumer. "The bridge is a vital pathway for local business owners and for local traffic, and today, I called on Canadian Pacific Rail to quickly detail its plans for the bridge's future. The Town of Oneonta deserves an answer."

Please see the letter below Senator Schumer sent to Canadian Pacific Rail:

April 15, 2008

Steve A. Fisk

Commercial Corridor Manager

Canadian Pacific Rail

200 Clifton Corporate Park

Clifton Park, NY 12065

Dear Mr. Fisk:

I write to you today in regards to a problematic situation involving a bridge commonly referred to as "The Pony Farm Bridge," located within the Town of Oneonta in Otsego County, New York. This vital piece of infrastructure connects Pony Farm Road to State Route 7, and provides critical direct ingress and egress for residential, commercial and emergency traffic.

As you are aware, this bridge, which spans track owned by Canadian Pacific Rail, has been in disrepair for sometime and was recently closed by the New York State Department of Transportation due to the safety hazards it presents. As a result, those residing and working in this area have been left without direct access to the main thoroughfare thus impeding commerce and posing threats to public safety.

Due to the closure of this bridge the businesses located in this area face restrictions on the deliveries they can receive. Truck traffic is currently redirected to traverse roadways not equipped to handle this type of transit. Additionally, the detour requires utilization of a bridge that has been threatened by rising water levels since the devastating floods of 2006. As a result many truckers have declined to use this route. Additional concerns exist regarding the ability of emergency services to respond quickly. The current situation requiring a detour has resulted in an increase in response time, which as you knows in an emergency every second counts.

Town and County leaders are deeply concerned with this situation, and hope to see the bridge repaired, or replaced. To this end I understand they have worked diligently and State Senator Seward has secure partial funding to assist with the rehabilitation of this bridge. It is also my understanding the project is under review by CP rail. I urge your expeditious response, and ask that you work in concert with municipal leaders to find an acceptable remedy to this problem.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter. If I may offer any assistance, please feel free to contact my Southern Tier Regional Director, Amanda Spellicy at 607.772.7692.

- U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer

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