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November 14, 2006

Subj: Bridge Safety & Access to our Neighborhood

Hello,

We are all appreciative of the hard work put forth by our town board members resulting in the repair to the bridge on Pony Farm Road across Otego Creek following this summer's flood.

Of even more significance & more kudos was the announcement that the railroad bridge connecting our neighborhood to Route 7 will be replaced (see attached reprint from the Daily Star dated 9/27/06). This bridge serves school busses as well as fire & other emergency vehicles. Loss of this bridge would have adversely affected property values on this end of Pony Farm Road.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is safety at this intersection. There was a serious accident at this location recently requiring replacement of a large section of guardrail & is the scene of many near accidents almost daily. When exiting from Pony Farm Rd onto Route 7 there is a problem that cars traveling east on Route 7 (from Otego) cannot be seen if they are just below the rise in the road. The same is true for cars traveling west on Route 7 & making a left hand turn onto Pony Farm Road.

We are working with the DOT to improve signage and lighting along Route 7 & the town board to install new lighting on & around the bridge to address these safety concerns.

The town board advises that that for their part there would be a cost of 49 cents per \$1000 of assessment. This would amount to \$45 per year on a property assessed at \$90,000. Considering the added safety & increased property values that would be realized, the price seems low. I hope you agree & will sign the attached petition.

You can call Mike Adams or Jerry Murillo at the DOT (432-4810) if you wish to endorse the improved signage and lighting along Route 7.

A Town Board meeting is held 7:30 pm at the Town Hall (West Oneonta) the second Wednesday of every month. If you are unavailable to attend: please call, write or e-mail the Town Board Members.

Your concerned neighbor, Bill Castine

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Petition: Bridge Safety ~ Route 7 & Pony Farm Road

We the undersigned petition the Town Board of Oneonta to install new lighting on & around the bridge to improve safety. It is understood that there would be a cost of 49 cents per \$1000 of assessment (\$45 per year on a property assessed at \$90,000).

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