February 8, 2008

Petition: Pony Farm Road Residents Safety ~ Emergency Vehicle Access

We the undersigned petition the Town Board of Oneonta to recognize our concern with regards to the closure of the Rt 7 / Pony Farm Road bridge & to take action to resolve this problem.

The closure of this bridge creates a safety concern & will have a financial impact through lower property values & possibly higher insurance premiums. The bridge on Pony Farm Road across Otego Creek is our principal access & there is one at-grade railroad crossing that can be used in emergency. The largest concern is access for fire & other emergency vehicles.

The Otego Creek bridge was built with too little clearance over the creek & is susceptible to flood damage & can be closed for long periods waiting for repair. The section of road approaching this bridge from the east is very low and easily flooded in storms of less severity than 2006 & during heavy snow storms this section of road is impassible for long periods of time. The at-grade emergency crossing is often blocked for long periods of time by stopped trains.

Name of Resident	Address	Signature	Date