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Dr. Michael Brantley  
Mayor  
Township of Neptune  
25 Neptune Boulevard  
Neptune, New Jersey 07753

Dear Mayor Brantley,

This letter is a follow up to our conversation regarding concerns about traffic on New Jersey State Highway 66 and the subsequent letter I received from Vito Gadaleta, Neptune Borough Business Administrator. I know first-hand the congestion of that thoroughfare and understand its importance as both an emergency evacuation route and an artery to the business and residential communities.

Over the past month, members of my staff have reached out to officials with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) as well as the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to research viable options for addressing the issues which exist along Route 66. Furthermore, I have written to NJDOT Acting Commissioner Joseph Bertoni requesting a meeting with him and appropriate partners to examine ways to achieve the shared goal of keeping residents safe by alleviating the congestion and bottlenecks on this important stretch of roadway. A copy of my letter is enclosed.

I am hopeful that together with officials of Neptune Township, The County of Monmouth, The State of New Jersey and with Federal support, we will be successful in moving forward this long-awaited project and ease the traffic burden put on your residents and those of your neighboring communities. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Freehold Constituent Center at 732-780-3035.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH  
Member of Congress