**Legislator Thank You Letter - Template**

The Honorable First Name Last Name
New York State (Senate or Assembly, whichever is appropriate)
Street Address
City, State Zip

Date

Dear (Senator or Assemblymember) Last Name:

I joined over 600 of my colleagues in Albany on March 8th asking for your support for increased local road and bridge funding in the 2023-24 Budget. Thank you! Both One-House Capital Budget bills recommend substantial increases to local transportation programs.

As you know,  record-high inflation has caused highway construction materials costs to soar,  reducing the spending power of every municipal highway department in the state. If funding isn’t increased in the state budget our local construction programs will be reduced to the lowest levels since 2015—a level of funding that produced the worst decline in pavement conditions ever.

NYSCHSA and NYSAOTSOH’s collective membership of municipalities is responsible for ensuring the safe operation of 87 percent of the state’s public roads, half of its bridges and plowing not only our huge system but over a quarter of the New York State Department of Transportation’s roads.

We are encouraged by your steadfast support and urge you to continue the fight to secure increases in CHIPS  and our other local program funding in the Final Budget.

Let me know if there is anything more I can do to help with your efforts.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Title

County