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Mr. Richard A. Maitino
Regional Director
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NYS Department of Transportation
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J.R.
Dear Mr. Martino:

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, residents of the East Side scoffed at our announcements that the 48th Street Ramp would be reopened in early 1999. No one doubts our commitment anymore and the entire staff at the DOT deserves much of the credit.

For years, Senator Goodman and I would tell the community that progress on reopening the ramp was imminent only to be disappointed by the previous administration's lack of vision. So when we announced last year that construction of the ramp would begin shortly, we were rightfully met with more than a few snickers. But under the leadership of Governor Pataki and Commissioners Daly and Boardman, your staff and the crew at Defoe Construction delivered on our promise, and months ahead of schedule and on budget!! I have witnessed many government construction and rehabilitation projects over the years, but the reconstruction of the 48th Street was by far the most impressive project I have ever witnessed. The innovative combination of an incentive-laden contract with the determination of government to "get the job done," while working with the community, produced results that should become the standard by which all future construction projects should be judged.

Please relay my congratulations to your staff and on behalf of a grateful community, thank you!

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

John Ravitz
Member of Assembly

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cc: Commissioner Joseph Boardman

*Thank you for all your
help + hard work.*