



State of Rhode Island

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

January 17, 2024

Director Peter Alviti, Jr.
Department of Transportation
Two Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Director Alviti,

We write to you in order to request regular comprehensive updates on the 1-195 Bridge repair construction. As you know, the closure of the 1-195 Westbound bridge on December 11 caused a sudden and severe hardship on our communities. While it has been helpful to have the two westbound lanes reopened on the highway, the traffic issues that this closure has created in our districts continue to be unbearable.

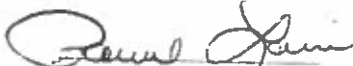
Our constituents are still faced with unexpected road closures, unyielding traffic jams, and unpredictable travel times. Even worse, we do not have answers to give our residents about the current bridge construction process or an idea for when we can expect the 1-195 Westbound bridge to be reopened.

We are requesting that RIDOT regularly send us detailed updates on the construction and repair of the 1-195 Westbound Bridge and updates on your expected timeline for when the bridge will be fully operational. Opening the 1-195 bridge and unburdening our communities from these issues are our priority and focus.

We look forward to receiving these regular reports regarding the construction and reopening of the bridge soon.

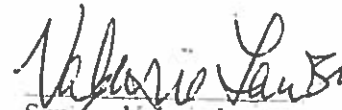
Best,



Rep. Matthew Dawson

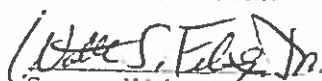

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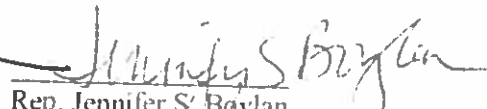

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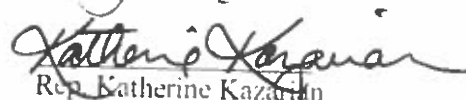

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