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Dear Legislators-

On behalf of the *Orleans County Fire Advisory Board*, I am writing to express our support of the resolution Legislator Kenneth DeRoller presented regarding the reform of the *State Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund*.

The deteriorating bridges that have become so numerous within Orleans County in the past few years are a major concern to the members of the fire service. Large fire vehicles having to detour around limited ton bridges could be a matter of life and death for citizens whose house is on fire or are trapped in a mangled vehicle at the scene of an accident.

New York State Senators and Assembly members must understand the seriousness of dilapidated bridges throughout the State and the reality that it will require substantial amounts of money to correct the problem. A trust fund is meant to be used for a dedicated purpose and not for other unrelated expenses. State Legislators must be made to understand they cannot take from the fund as has become all too common in recent years.

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Respectfully,

Allen Turner, Secretary