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The Honorable Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti  
New Jersey Department of Transportation  
David J. Goldberg Transportation Complex  
1035 Parkway Avenue P.O Box 600  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti:

We are writing to ask your help in temporarily delaying the new Department of Transportation repairs to the closed portion of New Jersey State Route 47 in the Dias Creek area until Wednesday, January 29, 2020. This road is an important route for access to and from the Cape May County region that we are proud to represent in the Assembly.

While our neighbors and we appreciate the attention that NJ DOT is finally paying to maintenance of this critical shore access route, this decision has many questioning the timing of the launch of these emergency repairs and any possible relation to the upcoming visit to Wildwood by President Donald Trump on January 28.

We would hope – and our area expects – that there is no correlation between these two events.

As a transportation professional and long-time public servant, we remain confident that you would understand that any repair to this portion of Route 47 would not be significantly impacted by a nine-day delay to the start of the project.

On behalf of our constituents in the First Legislative District, we respectfully request that the Route 47 repairs be delayed until January 29. We anxiously await your response to this request.

Sincerely,

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Erik Simonsen  
Assemblyman, 1st Legislative District

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Antwan McClellan  
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