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June 24, 1993

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
U.S. House of Representatives
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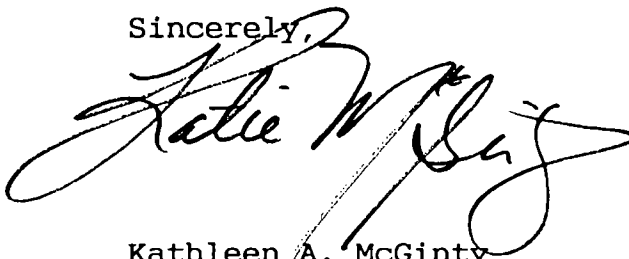
Dear Congressman Schumer:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on performing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Gowanus and other expressways in your district. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our global environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I appreciate learning your concerns about the environmental impacts of the reconstruction of the Gowanus Expressway. However, the Office on Environmental Policy has not assumed the responsibility for evaluating an EIS from the Council on Environmental Quality. The jurisdiction for these impact statements still lies with the CEQ. However, please note that does not perform EIS's, but evaluates those already completed by the agency of jurisdiction.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter, and please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie McGinty', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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June 15, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
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RE: SM 60388

Dear Ms. McGinty:

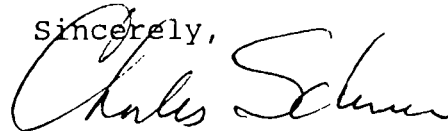
It has come to my attention that the Gowanus Expressway Community Coalition has requested that your office perform an Environmental Impact Statement for several areas in Brooklyn. I cannot overstate my support for their request.

The Gowanus Expressway, the Prospect Expressway, the cantilevered structure portion of the BQE and the Atlantic Avenue Overpass are all scheduled to undergo reconstruction.

The environmental impact of these projects could be monumental to the local residents. I join with my constituents in imploring you to undertake this study.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to your reply using the above noted reference number.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
Member of Congress

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