



April 24, 2025

Mr. Michael Finn
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council
438 Main Street, Suite 503
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Finn.

I write to you today as the Niagara County Legislator representing the area where Amazon is building its new distribution center. As you are probably aware, while this project enjoys wide support for the economic impact it will have on the Town of Niagara and all of Western New York, there has consistently been concerns about traffic flow, both during construction and when the distribution center is operational.

My objective in reaching out to you is to ask that the GBNRTC begin thinking about the long-term transportation infrastructure improvements that could be needed as the Amazon project comes on line, becomes fully functional and hopefully grows and expands. I'm specifically thinking about truck traffic entering and exiting Interstate 190 in Niagara Falls. It is not difficult to envision the need for a new exit off the 190 at Lockport Rd. to handle what we expect could be very significant truck traffic. Indeed, the already congested intersection at Military/Packard Rd will be seeing ALL of the new truck traffic from Amazon (directly on Packard coming and Lockport/Military/Packard leaving.)

I know the ribbon has not yet been cut on the Amazon project and I recognize the magnitude of creating a new exit off a major highway -- such a project would require significant study and planning, and would require an enormous commitment of funding. However, it would not be smart to wait until there are already significant issues to first start thinking about solutions. My hope is this letter will put the idea of a new exit on your radar screen for long-range planning purposes and encourage some discussion moving forward.

I am available to further discuss this matter and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CR", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Robins
Niagara County Legislator

CC: Congressman Tim Kennedy
Senator Rob Ort
Assemblyman Angelo Morinello
Town of Niagara Supervisor Sylvia Virtuoso
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