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Ambassador Niagara Signature Bridge Calls on All Parties to Work toward a Bridge Solution for Buffalo and Fort Erie

Dear Resident:

With the recent announcement by the Bush Administration to drop all plans for implementing a “Shared Border Management” concept for the Peace Bridge, which would have relocated all U.S. Customs and Immigration inspections to Fort Erie, Canada, I would respectfully suggest to the Niagara Peninsula/Western New York community, both public and private sectors, to put aside past differences and work TOGETHER for a sound, realistic border crossing solution.

We agree with the statement made to **The Buffalo News** by Governor Eliot Spitzer, “... ***we must now move forward to quickly address the economic and security impact of this decision on Buffalo and Western New York.***” (**The Buffalo News**, B-1, April 26, 2007).

We must now move forward! Today the Ambassador Niagara Signature Bridge Group stands ready and willing to reach out to the community and public officials on both sides of the border, as well as the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, to ultimately determine, as well as build and operate, a 21st century International Border Crossing linking Buffalo and Fort Erie.

It is our intent to bring all that we have invested to date, including more than 6 years of environmental and engineering review, over 100 acres of vacant land and millions of private investment dollars, and put it on the table as either a single, private sector or a public-private sector solution, going forward with resolve and action, not lawsuits and indefinite holding patterns.

We have reached out to all stakeholders and officials and will be contacting the respective political leadership in the U.S. and Canada over the new few weeks to reinvigorate what we think is not only a solvable solution to international border and trade traffic, but the right answer as well. We hope that you support our belief that the time has come to move forward and we look forward to seeing a new age of action, progress and cooperation.

Sincerely,

James B. Kane
Regional Director