

# From the desk of

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(full name, address, zip code, phone number)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name of representative)

I am writing to you in support of NY State Senate Bill S7671, which would rename the current Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge to the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge.

I am one of the over 100,000 people who signed the petition on Change.org and I believe that the Tappan Zee name needs to remain a part of the new bridge. Here are some of the reasons:

1. History matters. The bridge was originally named for the founders of New York: the Tappan Indians of the Lenape Nation and the Dutch settlers (Zee means 'sea' in Dutch). Did you know that the official seal of New York City depicts a Dutch trader and a Lenape Indian? The history of that bridge name is so important.
2. Public infrastructure should *never* be named after politicians, or not until at least that individual has been deceased for 50 years. For a sitting governor to use his position of power to ram through a bill that names a bridge (that we payed for, and *will* pay for) after his politician father is a gross abuse of power and the definition of corruption. We want the traditional name returned to the bridge's name.
3. Just because it's a replacement bridge does *not* mean it deserves a new name. London Bridge was destroyed and rebuilt four times and never did politicians decide to give it a new name simply because they 'could'. What happened during the signing of 'The Big Ugly' is inexcusable. If you signed that bill, you should be ashamed of yourself. If you didn't, why haven't you been fighting like we have to get the name back?
4. Additional Reasons: (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Senate Bill S761 is an opportunity for **you** to right an obvious wrong. This bill represents an opportunity to honor Mario Cuomo without destroying 70 years of local history and over 350 years of NY history. It's a fair compromise that I am asking you to please get behind: either by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill and/or by publicly supporting and encouraging those who might.

I kindly expect a response to this letter informing me of what action(s) you intent to take to help us save our Tappan Zee Bridge.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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Date