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# CM CHIN STATEMENT ON RECTOR STREET BRIDGE

“For almost twenty years, the Rector Street Bridge has served as a lifeline to families and seniors crossing the West Side Highway and Hudson River Greenway. I firmly stand with 2,700 of my Lower Manhattan neighbors in urging the City and State to engage the community about alternatives to demolishing this transportation safety asset. While this conversation has dragged on for years, the community is still waiting for answers to critical questions.

With millions of dollars of State funding committed to building the West Thames Bridge, the community has been fighting for fairness and reciprocity in this process – we ask the City and State to dedicate a comparable level of attention and analysis to an alternative plan that rehabilitates the Rector Street Bridge. Given the State’s role in this conversation, I have asked Governor Cuomo to intervene, and I hope he can be a partner in our efforts.

In August 2019, I sent a letter outlining my support to preserve the Bridge and delay any demolition process until the community is fully engaged. While my office is still waiting for a formal response, I have not wavered on my position. Today, I encourage the Community Board to join me and hundreds of Battery Park City residents to call for a robust process that engages all possible alternatives – and preserves this vital amenity.”

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