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I am president of the Floral Park Hillcrest Civic Association, one of the most active in our village. The governor's office boasts that they have reached out to civic groups in the spirit of transparency. I have yet to receive any communication and I'm certain that no one has reached out to any of our other three civic associations, our three PTA organizations, church groups, sport leagues, and our list goes on and on. I welcome speakers to come address our members.

I also find it amazing that a project of this size doesn't have detail. These hearings might have a better reception by residents if we didn't feel deceived and purposely left in the dark. You are inciting anger and mistrust in our state government. You will walk away from these hearings with questions you already have answers to but refuse to provide. How dare you declare a major project that will impact residents for YEARS and not show empathy to our concerns?