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- 1. Did you know... that Governor Andrew Cuomo changed the name of the new Tappan Zee Bridge? It's now the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge.
- 2. Did you know... that he did this with zero consultation with the public, in a late night legislative session, by tacking it on to a 60+ page bill called "The Big Ugly" that legislators were forced to sign if they wanted the other parts of the bill to pass?
- 3. Did you know... that the bridge was originally named to honor for the true founders of New York: the Tappan Indians of the Lenape Nation and the Dutch settlers (Zee means 'sea' in Dutch)? And 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.
- 4. Did you know... that there is currently a bill in the NY senate that preserves the history of NY that would rename the bridge the "Governor Mario M. Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge"? It's called NY State Senate Bill S7671, and it needs an assembly sponsor to move forward.
- 5. Did you know... that very soon, unless this (or some similar) bill passes, all of the signs honoring our Tappan and Dutch heritage will be changed from Tappan Zee Bridge to Mario Cuomo Bridge, and over 70 years of local history, and over 350 years of New York history, will be lost forever?

We need your support. While the current bill in the senate is not perfect (no public infrastructure should be named after a politician), it absolutely is a reasonable compromise that we should all be able to get behind, regardless of political leanings. All of our efforts are now focused on getting an assembly sponsor to co-sign the bill, which would all but guarantee that the bill goes before the legislature for a vote.

Want to help? Visit our website at SaveOurTappanZee.org to:

- 1. Sign our online petition which has already passed 100,000 signatures.
- 2. Download a letter that you can send to your representative in the assembly.
- 3. Sign up to volunteer at one of our protest events.
- 4. Download more copies of this flyer for free to distribute in your town.
- 5. Purchase SOTZ promotional signs, pens, cards, posters, and more to spread the word.
- 6. Make a donation to help us continue the fight.