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May 23, 2007

Mr. Frank Gillen, President
Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters
814 North Second Street
Harrisburg PA 17102-3212

Dear Mr. Gillen:

I appreciate your recent letter regarding the sale or lease of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It is my personal opinion that is not the appropriate method to fund our transportation needs, and I am not in favor of that proposal.

The Turnpike Commission has suggested an appealing plan to form a public-public partnership with PennDOT. Through that concept, an agreement would be formed with PennDOT to secure revenues to finance highway projects outside of the traditional scope of their present operating rule. To me, I believe that might be an idea we should examine more closely.

Thank you for expressing your thoughts on this important matter. I will continue to remain open-minded and work with my colleagues to find a solution that will produce more revenues while maintaining governmental ownership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony DeLuca".

Tony DeLuca
32nd Legislative District

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