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Frank Gillen, President  
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Dear Mr. Gillen,

Thank you for writing on behalf of the 95,000 Teamsters you represent to convey their opposition to the Governor's proposal to privatize the Pennsylvania Turnpike.


I have significant reservations regarding the Turnpike's sale or long-term lease as a means of generating funds to deal with Pennsylvania's mounting transportation needs.

The Turnpike Commission has responded with the possibility of floating bonds and exploring related revenue-producing streams. I have been part of the conversation on some of the alternatives you reference, and believe that viable alternatives exist which could place us in the excellent position of capitalizing upon the Turnpike as the great resource that it is to Pennsylvania.

As one who travels the Turnpike on a regular basis, I can attest to the excellent performance of its workforce in maintaining the system. The Turnpike is an integral lifeline of commerce, recreation, and daily activity for citizens statewide, as well as for all those in the entire Eastern corridor.

As Speaker, I will monitor the status of the Governor's plan, and can be counted upon to bring these views to the table.

Very truly yours,

  
Dennis M. O'Brien  
The Speaker

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