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Senator John Rafferty, Jr.
Main Capitol
20 East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Turnpike – Route 20 Slip Ramp Project

Dear Senator Rafferty,

At a time when infrastructure projects are playing a key role in public policy, a project of great long-term importance to Pennsylvania's economic health remains stalled.

The Route 202/29 corridor has been an enormous economic engine for the Commonwealth for over 30 years. Some of Pennsylvania's leading companies are headquartered here, and more than 20,000 people work here, in high-paying, knowledge-based jobs averaging over \$50,000 per year.

Yet well before the country's current economic difficulties, these same businesses became concerned with their continued growth prospects. The concern was not due to broad economic concerns, and not due to the health of their businesses. They were concerned that growth was becoming constrained due to the basic inability to move employees freely throughout the area.

You would be hard-pressed to find a more obvious remedy – construct slip ramps to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which bisects Route 29, but amazingly, does not provide any access to this high-density economic hub. But business owners and citizens of Southeastern Pennsylvania have been awaiting the Route 29/Pennsylvania Turnpike slip ramp project for a decade. Today, the stumbling-block is the linkage between construction of the slip ramps and the widening of the turnpike, which was never intended.

The Route 29/Pennsylvania Turnpike slip ramp project:

- has been sorely needed for many years
- is vital for the future economy of Southeastern Pennsylvania
- would provide economic benefits of more than \$700 million per year per the attached analysis
- is shovel-ready

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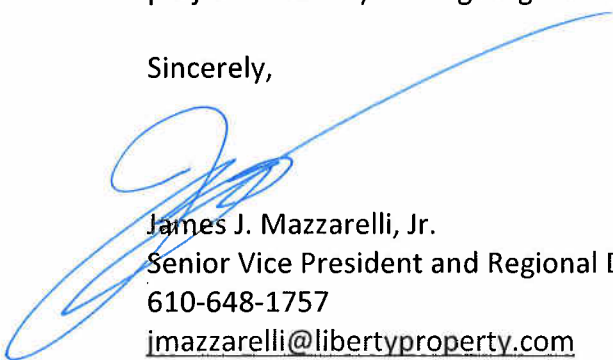
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Please consider de-linking the construction of the Route 29 Ramps from the turnpike widening project. Thank you for giving this issue your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



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