

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 12, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Mr. Mark P. Compton
Chief Executive Officer
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
P.O. Box 67676
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Dear Governor Wolf and Mr. Compton:

It has come to our attention that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission entered into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters regarding the extension of over 500 toll workers' jobs until at least January 2022, when the Commission would be expected to move fully to electronic tolling. We understand that concessions were made on both sides and that this agreement was reached at the end of February before the COVID-19 pandemic forced many to stay at home for many weeks.

It is our understanding that on June 2, 2020 these workers were notified of their termination date 2 weeks later. The economic challenges of this pandemic are unprecedented. Highway traffic revenue decreased by 47% in Pennsylvania from March through mid-May due to the outbreak. The pandemic has also caused much uncertainty for future planning.

We in Congress have made minimizing the economic effects of this public health crisis a priority. Our goal has been to protect jobs in both the private and public sectors through economic relief efforts. We proudly supported the CARES Act which awarded 2.6 billion dollars to the Commonwealth. We are sure there may be many factors involved in the Turnpike Commission's decision, but we are confident that a solution exists to save these 500+ jobs. While the agreement from February was reached in good faith, we encourage you to move quickly to resolve this dispute in good faith again.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact any of our offices if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress



Brendan F. Boyle
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