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PA TURNPIKE WILL NOT TAKE TOLL ON TEAMSTER JOBS

Governor Rendell raises white flag to his highly unpopular plans to lease the PA Turnpike which would have destroyed Teamster jobs.

Months of Lobbying by the PA Conference of Teamsters, their lobbyists, Teamsters Joint Council No. 53, Teamsters Joint Council No. 40, IBT General President Hoffa, affiliated Local Unions and their members produced this victory.

Hon. Governor Rendell made various concessions on June 26, 2007 to Legislative critics in hopes it will speed efforts to reach a compromise with the House and Senate on a new state budget. The one major concession of grave concern to the Teamsters was Governor Rendell's dropping of his highly controversial plans to lease the PA Turnpike.

Had the Governor's plan materialized, it could have resulted in the elimination of Teamster jobs. Local 30 in Jeannette. Local 77 in Fort Washington and Local 250 in Pittsburgh represent toll takers, maintenance workers and certain supervisors on the Turnpike that was billed as the "World's Greatest Highway."

"When 92,000 Teamsters speak you would be wise to listen," Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters President Frank Gillen said. "The Conference has always fought hard on issues adverse to our hard working Brothers and Sisters", added Gillen. "And we will continue to stand up and fight for our members".

"The PA Conference acts as a catalyst between Joint Council 40 and 53", said Conference Secretary-Treasurer Roy Marshall. "Especially on state-wide issues such as this turnpike plan fiasco". "Both Councils working in concert through the PA Conference has paid off."

The Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters is the Political arm of the Teamsters. It coordinates Teamster political activity and fights for working families on labor, construction and public employee issues. The Conference represents 92,000 members in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia.