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William Hamilton, President

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RE: PA Senate Bill 1220

Hon. PA Senators:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters and our 95,000 members, I am writing to urge you to urgently pass Senate Bill 1220. By passing this bill, you would be protecting the livelihoods of the more than 500 Teamster members who work at the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

In these uncertain times, when Pennsylvania families are facing dramatic challenges to their health & safety and their economic security, it is just cruel to expedite the process of converting to All-Electronic Tolling (AET). I am appalled and extremely disappointed that the commissioners voted to go back on their word to phase in AET over an 18-month period and instead announced their intention to eliminate 500+ good-paying Teamster jobs within 2 weeks' time. Apparently, the Commission even tried to use the COVID-19 Virus as the pretext to eliminate these family-sustaining jobs and all the Commissioners went along with it instead of standing up for and defending the turnpike workers.

With all of this in mind I hope that you show Pennsylvanians the leadership they deserve and give Senate Bill 1220 your full support to keep the state's promise to Pennsylvania Turnpike workers and their families.

Sincerely,

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