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The Honorable Lisa J. Baker
Pennsylvania Senate
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Baker:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, cosigned by your Senate colleagues, opposing the tolling of I-80 in Pennsylvania. I have been asked to reply.

On October 29, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission submitted supplemental information following the Federal Highway Administration's decision in September 2008 that it could not approve the State's original tolling application to place tolls on I-80. That application did not meet the statutory requirements for the use of toll revenues under the Interstate System Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot Program.

I appreciate knowing your views on the State's proposal. I can assure you that we will carefully consider the supplemental information in accordance with the statutory requirements of the program.

I am sending a similar letter to each cosigner of your letter.

Sincerely,

Victor M. Mendez
Administrator

