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October 22, 2008

Allen D. Bichler, PE  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street  
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Dear Al:

As you may be aware, after 32 years in the General Assembly, I am retiring at the end of this session. I am proud of the efforts undertaken by my caucus over that time to deal with the critical issues. However, the continuing problem of finding a consensus on funding for our critical transportation needs is one that I firmly believe must be addressed in the next session of the General Assembly.

Therefore, in conjunction with the Senate Republican Caucus, I would like to invite a member of the leadership of your organization to join me in Harrisburg on November 17<sup>th</sup> for a transportation funding summit. While this summit will likely be my last action as a member of the Senate, it will not only serve as a launch pad for ideas and cooperation for the next majority chairman but also provide a backdrop for the Senate's transportation debate in the coming session.

The summit will require a day-long commitment from its participants. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude around 4:30 in the afternoon. The format will be a roundtable discussion broken into these three areas of concentration:

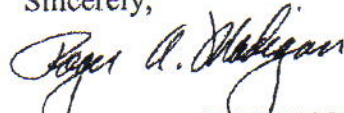
- Understanding the overall transportation challenges faced by the Commonwealth and also by the represented industries and transportation constituencies.
- Discussing the impediments to gaining the public's interest in supporting transportation funding increases and how to overcome them.

- Discussing what different funding options and levels are supported by the various industry segments. This discussion should be viewed as an unlimited examination of everything from traditional funding methods, to privatization, tolling and leasing of state assets.

The summit will be open to the public but participation will be limited to the representatives of the invited organizations. It is my goal to bring together private sector leaders interested in engaging the importance of finding a funding solution. Craig Shuey, Executive Director of the Senate Transportation Committee, will be contacting you individually to answer any questions you may have and to discuss your organization's participation.

Please join me in what I hope will be an important event for the future of the Commonwealth's transportation system.

Sincerely,



ROGER A. MADIGAN  
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cc: All Republican Senators