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September 16, 2010

John J. Matheussen, CEO of DRPA/President of PATCO  
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RE: Minutes of the Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO ("Authority")  
September 15, 2010 Meeting

Dear Mr. Matheussen:

I have reviewed the minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting of the Delaware River Port Authority and PATCO. In accordance with the authorization contained in Article III of the Delaware River Port Authority Compact and in N.J.S.A. 32:3-4a-4c, I hereby return the minutes with a veto of the following three resolutions approved by the Board of Commissioners:

- The Resolution "reinstating the right of DRPA and PATCO employees to commute to and from work without paying tolls or fares on DRPA or PATCO facilities."
- The Resolution "to reinstate the 100 free E-Z Pass trips on DRPA facilities to the extent that this benefit appears in union contracts."
- The Resolution "reinstating the right of DRPA and PATCO employees to commute to and from work without paying tolls or fares on DRPA or PATCO facilities and to permit DRPA and PATCO employees to make multiple free trips on DRPA or PATCO facilities in one day if in the course of their work."

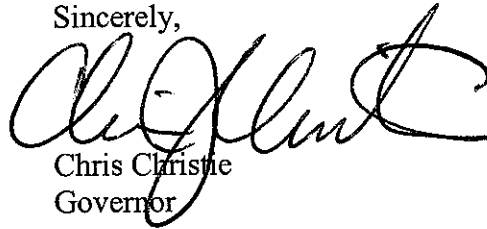
These three resolutions sought to amend DRPA Resolution 10-57, which was approved by the full Board at its August 18, 2010 meeting. DRPA Resolution 10-57 "eliminate[d] all programs allowing all present and future Commissioners, Officers, employees and retirees of the

Authority to receive free bridge passage and free PATCO rides effective immediately.” The Board's actions yesterday to reinstate these perks were directly contrary to my recent directives that this Authority should reform itself immediately.

Authority employees, Commissioners, Officers and retirees should not receive free bridge passage or PATCO rides simply by virtue of their employment at the Authority, when these perks are not available to the toll-paying public. All Commissioners, Officers, employees and retirees should pay for their personal, non-business use of DRPA/PATCO facilities, just as the Authority requires of its customers. This veto does not preclude the Authority from reimbursing its employees for legitimate and necessary business expenses, including work-related travel; however, ordinary commuting costs are not a reimbursable business expense.

I specifically reserve my right to veto all other actions taken by the Authority at its meeting on September 15, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C".

Chris Christie  
Governor

Enclosure

- c. The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania  
John H. Estey, Esq., Chair  
Jeffrey L. Nash, Esq., Vice-Chair  
Deborah L. Gramiccioni, Director, Governor's Authorities Unit