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John J. Matheussen, CEO of DRPA/President of PATCO  
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RE: Minutes of the Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO August 25, 2010 Meeting

Dear Mr. Matheussen:

I have reviewed the minutes of the August 25, 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 resolution approved at the August 25, 2010 meeting by the Board of Commissioners:

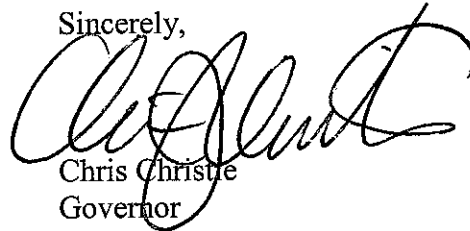
DRPA 10-054: Establishing a Policy Prohibiting Officers and Employees from Performing Political Activities While on Duty for the Authority or Using Their Office for Political Purposes

This resolution does not comply with my directive to strengthen the Board Conflict of Interest Policy to make clear that Commissioners and employees may not use DRPA time or DRPA resources in pursuit of any political activities. Instead, the Board of Commissioners has chosen to exempt themselves from these prohibitions, imposing such prohibitions upon only DRPA officers and employees. This double standard only serves to increase the public perception that DRPA Commissioners may misuse their offices for political gain.

Therefore, I am compelled to veto this resolution and request that the Board adopt a resolution that also prohibits DRPA/PATCO Commissioners from using their offices for political purposes.

With the exception of this resolution addressed above, the other resolutions passed at the August 25, 2010 meeting are in conformance with my reform directives. As such, to ensure that these much-needed reforms are not delayed any further, I hereby grant early approval of those remaining portions of the minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting relating to all actions taken by the Authority not vetoed herein. All other reforms adopted by the Authority at its August 25, 2010 meeting should therefore be given immediate effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie", written over a printed name and title.

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