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## Senator Fuschillo Calls on Thruway Authority to Reject Toll Increase

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Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. is calling on the New York State Thruway Authority Board to reject a proposed 45 percent increase in commercial tolls.

“The New York State Thruway Authority’s proposed 45 percent increase in tolls is ill-timed, insensitive, and shows that they are completely out of touch with the challenges facing New York. The proposed increase should be rejected immediately,” said Senator Fuschillo (R-Merrick).

Senator Fuschillo, Chairman of the Senate’s Transportation Committee, stated that the Thruway Authority’s proposed increase would have a devastating impact on New Yorkers and called on the Thruway Board to reject any idea of toll increases.

“An increase would be even more devastating now, given how badly New Yorkers are suffering from the effects of hurricane Sandy. Families and businesses are struggling to survive, over 797,000 residents are unemployed, and we are trying to recover from one of the most devastating natural disasters in our state’s history. No one in their right mind should think now is a good time to be raising costs.

The State Legislature and Governor Cuomo have been working together to make life easier for families and businesses, both before and after the storm. The Thruway Authority needs to do the same.”