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Thruway Toll Hike Plan Ditched

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ONEONTA, 12/17/12 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today commented on the Thruway Authority’s announcement terminating plans to raise tolls on commercial vehicles:

“When the Thruway Authority floated a proposal to hike tolls on trucks and other commercial vehicles I was among a loud chorus of elected officials, business leaders and concerned citizens denouncing the plot.

“Abandoning this ill-conceived toll hike plan is the right thing to do. The Thruway Authority, like the rest of state government, needs to focus on cost saving measures to right the fiscal ship, instead of simply hiking the cost of doing business in New York.

“Over the past two years, I have joined with Governor Cuomo and my colleagues in both the senate and assembly to enact policies aimed at growing our businesses and improving the state’s economic climate. Clearly, now is not the time to take a step back by raising the cost of shipping for New York made products. The end of the thruway toll-hike plan is welcome news.”