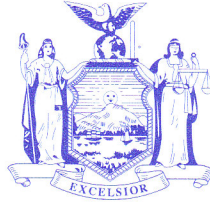


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SENATOR  
CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO, JR.  
8TH SENATE DISTRICT

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July 25, 2012

Members of the Board of Directors  
New York State Thruway Authority  
200 Southern Boulevard  
PO Box 189  
Albany, New York 12201

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject your proposal to increase tolls by 45 percent for commercial vehicles.

The New York State Legislature has partnered with Governor Andrew Cuomo over the past eighteen months in setting an economic course to put New York State back on the right track. Your proposal is a step in the wrong direction for economic recovery in our state. Making it more expensive to transport goods across the state sends a message that the Thruway Authority is closing New York State for business. The increased cost of doing business in New York that you are proposing will force industries to pass these additional costs to consumers in the form of higher prices. High gasoline and diesel fuel costs have already inflated prices on all types of everyday items. Businesses transporting goods to the downstate areas are reeling from the effects of last year's Port Authority toll increase.

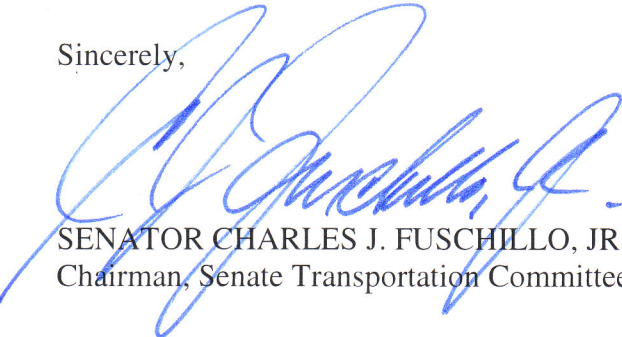
As you are aware, with record high unemployment and unprecedented foreclosures in our state, families and businesses in New York are suffering and struggling just to survive. Over 824,000 New Yorkers are out of work and statewide unemployment rates continue to rise. New York State's business climate was recently ranked the second worst in the country. In these challenging times, our focus should remain on creating jobs and generating the economic development needed to help turn our economy around.



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I strongly urge you to reject this proposed increase because of the negative impact it will have on New York's families and businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

SENATOR CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO, JR.  
Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee

Cc: Thomas Madison, Executive Director, New York State Thruway Authority  
Governor Andrew Cuomo  
Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos