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Maria Lehman, P.E. Interim Executive Director, NYS Thruway Authority Administrative Headquarters 200 Southern Blvd. P.O. Box 189 Albany, NY 12201-0189

Dear Director Lehman,

During the 2016 budget I negotiated a side letter agreement that entailed the following commitment from the Thruway Authority. "The Task Force will convene following the enactment of the State Fiscal Year 2016 budget and will seek public input, including in Rockland County in a location to be determined. The Task Force will consider among other things a resident discount program and will report the Task Force's findings by the end of 2016."

To date, no such hearing has taken place.

Given projected toll increases and the heavy financial burden such increases would place disproportionately on residents in Rockland and Westchester counties, the consideration and eventual implementation of a Resident Toll Discount Program is essential.

Please advise my office immediately as to how I might be able to assist the Authority to conduct hearings on this issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely.

Senator David Carlucci 38th Senate District