



The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

May 1, 2020

Dear Governor Wolf:

Thank you for allowing today the safe restart of highway construction projects and design field activities. This action will assist in restoring the Commonwealth's economy and alleviate the strain on unemployment compensation, by putting the nearly 50,000 Pennsylvanians employed by our 1,000 Pennsylvania companies back to work. Our organizations pledge to continue to work closely with your administration, primarily PennDOT and Turnpike staff, to deliver highway construction projects and design field activities in a safe and efficient manner.

As our member companies, partnering with PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission, restart highway projects and design field activities as well as commence new ones, we are concerned about the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on Pennsylvania in general, and the Motor License Fund specifically. Motor License Fund revenues come primarily from motor fuels taxes.

The shelter in place order which was necessary to impede the spread of COVID-19, has drastically reduced the number of miles driven by motorists, which in turn will have a negative impact on future fuel tax revenues. It is imperative we work together to protect the Motor License Fund and ensure the taxpayers of the Commonwealth that these funds will continue to be used to build and repair the state's highway infrastructure system assets. We look forward to continuing a partnership with your administration to understand how this pandemic will impact future transportation funding and what options may be available to replace lost funding.

We commend you for continuing the 4% reduction in funding that is transferred from the Motor License Fund to the Pennsylvania State Police budget, which you proposed in your 2020-21 budget address this past February. It is critical to improving our 90,000 plus

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miles of PA highways, that this phase down continues in this, and future budgets, so that the Commonwealth can properly fund its highway and bridge maintenance and construction programs.

Sincerely,

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