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The Honorable Edward Acevedo
State Representative
2021 W. 35th St.
Chicago, IL 60609

Dear Representative Acevedo:

Throughout the past few years, as the possible privatization of Illinois' transportation infrastructure has begun to be discussed at the state level, the Transportation for Illinois Coalition has been researching and analyzing the implications of such an approach to transportation infrastructure funding. Attached is a white paper researched and printed by the coalition that presents and discusses the issues surrounding a tollway lease and, ultimately, lays out the case against leasing the Illinois Tollway.

TFIC believes that leasing of an existing transportation asset offers taxpayers and citizens in Illinois significantly less "bang for their buck" than continued public ownership. We hope that, after reviewing the white paper, you will agree with that assessment.

The TFIC is a coalition of more than 70 statewide, regional and local organizations from the business, organized labor, local government and not-for-profit sectors in Illinois. Chaired by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois AFL-CIO, the coalition is united behind the need for additional investment in our state's transportation infrastructure.

If you have questions about the report, or would like to further discuss the issues surrounding a tollway lease, please feel to contact Jennifer Morrison, Managing Director, at 217-572-1271. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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