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To: Assemblyman Tim Gordon

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Subject: NYS Thruway

Date: April 28, 2008

There is a way to eliminate the toll collection barrier at Exit 24 and reduce the time spent in toll collection lines, air pollution, traffic accidents and associated costs without reducing toll revenue by any significant amount.

The system is described in the attached paper.

By erecting a toll barrier at somewhere around Exit 22 and Exit 26, travelers could travel, say from Exit 23 to Exit 24 and back again and pay a double toll at Exit 23 when, at the end of the day, the traveler leaves the system. The tolls for the other travel patterns in the Capital District are described in the attached paper.

I am looking forward to meeting with you on May 6 at 11:30am in LOB ~~1130~~ 529 to more fully brief you on this proposal.

I think that the proposal (which was cretaed by our vice president, Doug Smith who also wrote the attached paper) has great merit not only for the Albany area but for each of the other upstate areas that are beset by a similar problem--horribly congested toll booth areas at peak times. Since it involves no significant loss in toll revenue, it could even be used in Buffalo where there is now a "toll free" area rather than in a "toll reassignment" area.

Attachments:[Capital_District_Friendly_Concept.doc](#)

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