



December 9, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood, Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

We the undersigned 216 Pennsylvania companies, employing more than 8,700 workers in 25 counties, urge you to oppose the tolling of Interstate 80.

As Pennsylvania employers, we strongly urge you to **oppose the tolling of Interstate 80**, or any other effort that forces the businesses along one interstate to pay for the infrastructure and mass transit desires of the rest of the Commonwealth. Making I-80 a toll road threatens our economic competitiveness, forcing many employers to make tough budget decisions during a recession that has hit Pennsylvania hard. At a time when the state's unemployment rate already is nearing 9 percent, this proposal could mean more lost jobs as businesses downsize to pay for the exorbitant tolls placed on tractor-trailers.

While the business community is happy to pay its fair share, the money garnered from tolling I-80 would not benefit the communities and businesses that use the road most. The revenues would be dispersed across the state to fund mass transit in city centers, as well as other transportation initiatives. Truckers, commuters and other motorists already are paying approximately \$50 million more than what is currently spent maintaining the interstate. Instead of asking for more revenue, the legislature and governor should look to cut waste and limit spending within the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and other areas of state government.

The Federal Highway Administration twice has rejected the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's application, most recently on September 11, 2008. This agency – investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation upon allegations of a pay-to-play scandal and mismanagement of government money – should not be entrusted with additional responsibility.

If passed, this proposal also could risk the lives of residents in the communities surrounding I-80 as tractor-trailers and commuters avoid the interstate to use second-hand roads not built for interstate traffic. It would force counties and municipalities who already are cash strapped to put more money toward resurfacing these roads.

This proposal will not be the "magic pill" to cure Pennsylvania's ailing infrastructure. More time should be devoted to properly developing and vetting infrastructure legislation and asking for input, not hurriedly passing bad policy that could do more harm than good. We respectfully urge you to publicly **oppose** the tolling of I-80. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

4 Ways Sales and Service

A Fitting Design

Accu-Chek Machining

Allegheny Tool & Supply

Animal Hospital of Punxsutawney

Animal Hospital of Waterford

Arete QIS LLC

Arvite Technologies, Inc.

Atlas Technologies

Automated Customized Storage Solutions

Axeman-Anderson

B & T Fleet Supply

B.F. Fields Moving & Storage

Barber Trucking

Bastian Tire Sales

Berenfield Containers, Inc.

Bert Klapec, Inc.

Bertram Tool & Machine Co. Inc.

Bessemer Supply, Inc.

BFG Manufacturing Services

Bisett Building Center

Brookside Assisted Living

Brown's Masonry & Concrete

Bruce Hunt Trucking, Inc.

Buckeye Hone Company

Butler Farm Market, Inc.

Butler Floor & Carpet

C & J Industries

C.R. Campbell Trucking

C.S.I. Construction Services

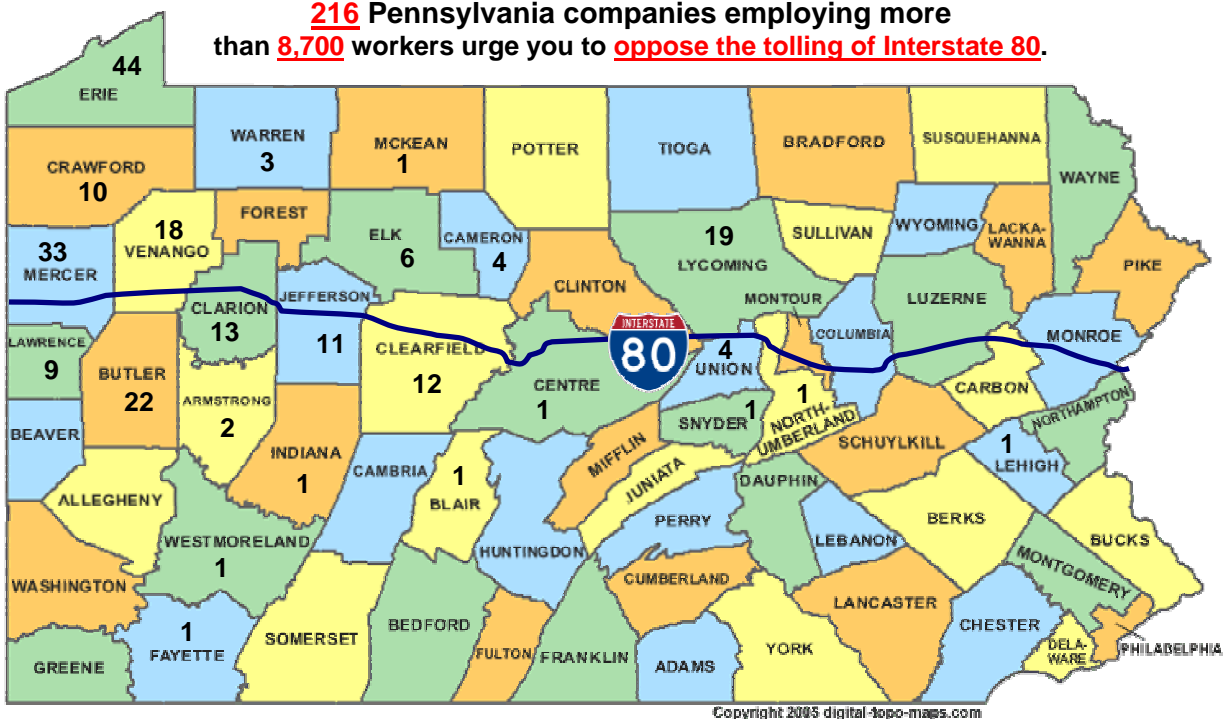
Calibration Services, Inc.	Faulkner's Country Market	Klapec Express
Canteen Vending Co.	Ferguson Perforating & Wire	Klapec Trucking Co.
Chambers Steel Service	Filmtronics	Knox Auto Supply Inc.
Charles P. Leach Agency, Inc.	Fire Force, Inc.	Kuhn Tool & Die Co.
Charles Tool & Supply Inc.	Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce	L-3 Communications Electron Devices
CJ's Home Décor & Fireplaces	G & M Bandsaw Inc.	Lander Development
Clair Boring Painting Services	G.W. Becker Inc.	Loesel-Schaaf Insurance Agency, Inc.
Clair J. Ferry Inc.	Gajda Trucking	Lynch Family Enterprises
Clapper Insurance	George J. Howe Co.	Lynn, King & Schreffler
Clarion Cabinetry	Grosick Trucking LLC	M.K. and Associates, Inc.
Clarion Students Association	Grossman Trucking	Magill Podiatry
Clinch-tite Corp	Hadley Seed Farm	Maple Donuts
Concrete Resurfacing & Staining	Hajduk & Kerna Associates	McClellan Trucking Inc.
Core Compliance Group Inc.	Hannahstown Mutual	McInnes Rolled Rings
Corle Benn Auto Parts Inc.	Hapeman Electronics, Inc.	Mealy Construction
Corry Auto Dealers Exc.	Hempfield Township	Metaltech, Inc.
Coyle, Barton, Jones Attorneys at Law	Hempfield Township Police	Mikron Valve
Crockett Financial Services	Hepburnia Coal Company	Miller Welding & Machine Co.
D. Mark Livezey, DDS	Hermance Machine Company	Moses Jewelers
D.E.M. Surveying	Hess & Fisher Engineers	Neiswonger Construction Inc.
Data Papers, Inc.	Hopkins Hertzell LLP	New Bethlehem Burial Service
Davis Cycle Sales	Industrial Machine Designs, Inc.	New Castle Neurology
Deist Industries, Inc.	Integrated	North Star Aggregates, Inc.
Diesel Injection	lorio Beauty Supply Inc.	Northwest Lawn & Landscaping
Dressler Construction, LLC	J. R. Resources	Northwest PA Court Reporters
Dunagin Dermatology	James O. Buehler Logging	Oakland Products
Duran Transfer Inc.	Jamestown Coating Technologies	Open Flow Gas Supply Corp.
E. M. Brown, Inc.	Jane's Stromboli, Inc.	Orthodox Monastery
E.A. Mundkowsky Finishing	Janitors Supply Company, Inc.	Output Sales Corporation
Elco Sintered Alloys	Jefferson County Development Council	Overhead Door Co. of Franklin
Emporium Secondaries, Inc.	Jersey Shore Steel	Paulhamus Litho, Inc.
Energy Link, Inc.	Joe B's Carpets	Penn Centre Logistics
Erie Bronze & Aluminum	Joe Klapec & Son, Inc.	Phoenix Data, Inc.
Erie DriveTrain, Inc.	John A. Madden Trucking	Physician's Mobile X-Ray, Inc.
Erie Industrial Trucks, Inc.	John E. Balmer, DO	Piney Creek Limited Partnership
Erie Mill & Press	Joseph R. Meyn DMD	PMF Industries, Inc.
Erie Molded Plastics	Kapp Alloy & Wire	Potratz Floral Shop & Greenhouse
Eriez Manufacturing co.	Ken-Fab & Weld Inc.	Preferred Enterprises, Inc.
Eureka Electrical Products, Inc.	Kennedy Diversified Inc.	Prince of Peace Center
Fairview Evergreen Nurseries	Kevco Labs	Printing Concepts Inc.
Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. of Marble Pa.	Keystone Friction Hinge Co.	Pro America Premium Tools

PRS Transit
 Quality Compacted Metals
 Radiant Steel Products, Inc.
 Ralph S. Alberts Co., Inc.
 Randy & Bob's Auto Body II
 Ray Showman Jr. Excavating Inc.
 Realco Diversified
 Remmey - The Pattlet Co.
 Reynolds Building Systems
 Ridg-U-Rak
 Riethmiller Lumber Manufacturing
 Robert F. Savolskis CPA
 Rogers Brothers Corporation
 Rog's Inc.
 Rorabaugh Lumber Co.
 Saegertown Beverages
 Salt Painting, Inc.
 Scobell Company, Inc.
 Sepco-PA
 Sharon Packing Co. Inc.
 Singers Auto Service
 Smith Provision Co.

Universal Well Services
 Valley Can, Inc.
 Valley Machine & Tool co.
 VEC Technology LLC
 Vic's Pub
 Victoria House
 W.L. Roenigk Inc.
 Walker Chevrolet, Inc.
 Waroquier Coal Inc.
 Waterproofing Specialties, Inc.
 Wayne Township Landfill
 Weislogel's Inc.
 Western PA Steel Fabricating
 William J. Brown Trucking
 William J. Herbert DO
 Williams Sanitation Services
 Williamsport Dies & C uts
 Williamsport Foundry Co.
 Willis E. Sommers Co
 Wintronics Inc.
 Wolfcreek Books, Inc.
 Woodhyrst, Inc.

Smock and Schonthaler Ind. Insulation Sales
 Snap-tite, Inc.
 Specialty Precast Company, Inc.
 Sports Obsession
 Staiman Recycling Corp.
 Steeple Furniture
 Sterilizer Refurbishing
 Strobel Machine
 Struxures, LLC
 Suscon, Inc.
 Susquehanna Fire Equipment Co.
 Tech Molded Plastics, Inc.
 Testing Solutions
 The Robson Co., Inc.
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 Toby Food Group
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Please Note: This letter was also sent to the entire Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.