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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

This letter is in response to your April 22, 2009 correspondence providing additional guidance regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 section 1201 certification. Accordingly, I am pleased to submit the amended Section 1201 certification for our maintenance of effort regarding state funding for all transportation projects.

As previously stated, Pennsylvania will make good use of these funds to tackle backlogs in both bridge and pavement maintenance on our system. Besides helping the state and local municipalities advance their maintenance agenda, the ARRA money will mean job preservation and creation across Pennsylvania. With rising unemployment, Pennsylvania welcomes this financial infusion that will make a difference for thousands of our citizens.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation worked diligently with our 23 Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations to secure the needed consensus to program the ARRA-funded projects. We have already opened bids on 96 projects and note that all the ARRA-funded work on highways and bridges will be started this year, well in advance of the law's deadlines.

Again, thanks to the Obama Administration and Congress for making these economic recovery funds available to Pennsylvania and the other states. We will work tirelessly to make wise use of these resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell
Governor

Enclosures