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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, provides Pennsylvania with urgently needed revenues and tax relief. I congratulate the Obama Administration's effort to deliver this program and the critical infrastructure investment it contains. Accordingly, I am pleased to submit the enclosed Section 1511 certification covering our use of \$1,026,429,012 for highways and bridges, as well as the listing of ARRA projects. Also enclosed is the requested Section 1201 certification for our maintenance of effort regarding state funding for all transportation projects.

Pennsylvania will make good use of these funds to tackle backlogs in both bridge and pavement maintenance on our system. In addition to 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 cooperatively with our 23 Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations to secure the needed consensus to program the ARRA-funded projects. We have already started the requisite bid advertising and contract awarding process to ensure timely use of these critically needed funds. I have directed that all of the ARRA-funded work on highways and bridges will be started this year, well in advance of the law's deadlines. The Pennsylvania Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration has been a tremendous help in navigating through procedures and answering our questions.

Again, thank you 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 of Pennsylvania

Enclosures