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The Honorable Raymond Basham Michigan State Senate P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

Dear Senator Basham:

It has been the long-standing policy of the Michigan Department of Transportation that the Blue Water Bridge operations, capital projects, and long-term debt be self-funded with toll revenue and other sources of income from leases and interest. The Blue Water Bridge has never been subsidized with State of Michigan funds. Financial statements for the Blue Water Bridge Fund can be found on the Michigan Department of Transportation Web site at: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9622\_11045\_13782----,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9622\_11045\_13782----,00.html</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact either me or Ronald K. DeCook, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at 517-373-3946.

Sincerely,

Kirk T. Steudle Director

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