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The Honorable (Name)
Michigan State Senate
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Senator (Name):

As the debate continues on the House-passed Bill 4961, I am writing to share a document that will provide additional background information.

In addition to authorizing transportation-related public-private partnerships, HB 4961 provides authority for the Michigan Department of Transportation to build a new international border crossing in the Detroit-Windsor corridor. During the process, many legislators have expressed concerns in supporting the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) without considering the revenue and risk potential of the project. In order to provide further information, I have enclosed a copy of chapters six and seven and a report summary of the Comprehensive Traffic and Toll Revenue Study for the DRIC project, and the full report on CD, as developed by our consultant, Wilbur Smith Associates. Included in this report, you will find the traffic and revenue estimates, as well as a sensitivity analysis and risk assessment for this project.

I am committed to an open dialogue and look forward to working together to establish authority for transportation public-private partnerships that will attract private investors to Michigan, create jobs, and grow our economy. Our Office of Governmental Affairs, in cooperation with our DRIC team, is prepared to meet with you to discuss this report in detail. If you have any questions, please contact either me or Ron DeCook, Director of Governmental Affairs, at 517-373-3946.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kirk T. Steudle".

Kirk T. Steudle, P.E.
Director

Enclosures