



November 23, 2011

The Honorable John R. Kasich  
Governor  
State of Ohio  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Ohio's eight metropolitan chambers of commerce are encouraged to learn you are exploring options related to a possible lease of the Ohio Turnpike. We support this effort and believe the time is now for a thorough examination of this important state asset.

A year ago, our organizations created a forward-looking agenda entitled: "Redesigning Ohio – Transforming Government into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Institution." While not specifically referencing the Ohio Turnpike, our report highlights ways the state could think differently about existing practices. Examining a lease of the Ohio Turnpike is consistent with our recommendations.


Ohio's transportation funding needs are growing. As fiscal challenges continue, it is prudent to use existing assets to help ourselves. We ask that you promote a plan to put this asset to its best use. We believe it is possible to appropriately balance taxpayers' interests with the need for highway, road, bridge and transit project funding.

We look forward to working with you on this important endeavor. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our chairman, Thomas M. Humphries at (330) 744-2131 ext. 14.

Sincerely,



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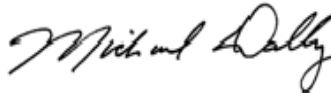
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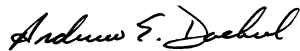
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