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DAUPHIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2022

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STRONGLY
OPPOSING ANY AND ALL PLANS TO TOLL THE I 83 SOUTH BRIDGE.**

WHEREAS, I-83 South Bridge, spans the Susquehanna River from Dauphin to Cumberland Counties; and

WHEREAS, the residents, workers, and visitors to Dauphin County would be impacted multiple times on a daily basis were there to be a tolling for passage; and

WHEREAS, residents and travelers from Dauphin County to Cumberland County for employment, school, and medical appointments would be impacted on a daily basis; and

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WHEREAS, daily essential tasks would involve financial budgeting by our residents under a tolling structure; and

WHEREAS, the economy is currently causing a harsh burden upon the citizens and residents of our County; and

WHEREAS, we are in a time when costs of living continues to climb; and

WHEREAS, travelers from Dauphin County to Cumberland County for employment, school, and medical appointments would be impacted by financial hardships; and

CONSTITUENT & COMMUNITY OBJECTION

WHEREAS, as servants to the people, we have had many discussions on the I-83 South Bridge tolling concept, both publicly and privately with constituents; and

WHEREAS, in all of our discussions, the concept has been met with sharp criticism and loud objection from all communication lines; and

WHEREAS, we and our staff personally witnessed overwhelming opposition from residents and local government officials alike during a PennDOT town hall styled meeting, and

WHEREAS, we believe the overall growth of our community and economy would be stalled, and

WHEREAS, the toll concept has no consideration of that repercussion, which is the chief consideration, obligation, and function of local government, and

WHEREAS, as a board, we are at a loss for how this tolling concept would benefit our residents and commuters, or how it would make Dauphin County a more attractive prospect for homeowners, renters, leisure-seekers, students, or workers, and

SAFETY CONCERNS

WHEREAS, we recognize these daily travelers of the I-83 South Bridge involves a mammoth volume of traffic that uses the span, thus it is a vital avenue of commute and commerce, and

WHEREAS, we are also keen to the condition of the bridge and the importance of having strong, reliable bridges built to last, and

WHEREAS, the obvious commuter reaction to a toll on the Route 83 Bridge would be avoidance: to use the Market Street Bridge, Harvey Taylor Bridge, or another "free" bridge option, causing traffic flow far beyond the carry ability of those spans, and

WHEREAS, contiguous secondary roads – built for moderate traffic flow – would become virtual parking lots as commuters seek roundabouts and such an uptick in traffic flow will pose additional public safety risks, and

WHEREAS, congestion also slows response time for our police, fire, and EMS providers, thus creating a safety risk for our residents, and

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

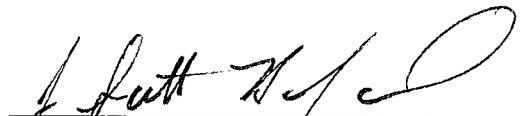
WHEREAS, we believe that there are sufficient available funding sources that would result in a less burdensome financial and safety impact on the residents of Dauphin County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. THE DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AND ALL PLANS TO TOLL THE I 83 SOUTH BRIDGE.
2. Additionally, we are opposed to dipping into the pockets of already-burdened taxpayers due to a PennDOT budget and planning shortfall without consideration of the tremendous detriment such a concept will level onto our taxpayers, and those across the river and region.
3. Additionally, we are now and will continue to be creative, considerate, and forward-thinking in our fiscal planning; the taxpayers of Pennsylvania deserve that same deliberate and considerate planning across the board.
4. Additionally, we encourage our state Government to similarly recognize that the taxpayers of Pennsylvania deserve that same deliberate and considerate planning across the board.
5. Additionally, we would be willing and welcoming parties at the table for further discussions on solutions for the I-83 South Bridge.

Duly adopted this 16th day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:



J. Scott Burford
Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

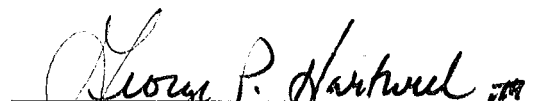
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