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Honorable Angelo Santabarbara
New York State Assembly
LOB 654
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblymember Santabarbara:

Thank you for writing to the Office of the State Comptroller regarding your concerns with the New York State Thruway Authority. The Comptroller has asked me to respond on his behalf.

As noted in your letter, the Thruway's Board of Directors recently approved proceeding with consideration of toll increases beginning on January 1, 2024. Systemwide toll increases for all users have not been implemented since 2012. As required by law, the Thruway Authority has notified the Comptroller of its intent to raise tolls and provided a financial report.

The proposed price increase on such an integral transportation system must be thoroughly scrutinized. Our Office is presently reviewing the materials and conducting in-depth analysis of the Thruway's traffic projections, financials, capital plan, and debt commitments. In addition, our Office is in the midst of an audit of the Thruway's implementation of the cashless tolling system. Our Office expects to release the results of these activities in the coming months to inform the public and facilitate debate on the merits of the proposal.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Doulis".

Maria Doulis
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