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February 3, 2011

John J. Matheussen, CEO of DRPA/President of PATCO
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RE: Minutes of the Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO ("Authority")
January 19, 2011 Meeting

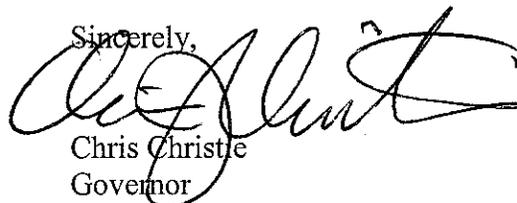
Dear Mr. Matheussen:

I have reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting of the Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO ("Authority"). In accordance with the authorization contained in Article III of the Delaware River Port Authority Compact and in N.J.S.A. 32:3-4a-4c, I hereby return the minutes with a veto of the resolution approved by the Board of Commissioners authorizing payment of \$37,500 to American Continental Group, Inc., for federal legislative monitoring services provided from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. The Authority's contract with American Continental Group, Inc. expired December 31, 2009, and was not renewed or extended by Board action. In the absence of a valid, existing contract, procured through a competitive process, such a payment is simply improper and effectively amounts to a "no-bid" contract. Indeed, this payment violates the Authority's own recently-enacted procurement policy reforms, which were undertaken at my behest.

I remind you that Executive Order 15, issued February 23, 2010, generally prohibits state authorities from entering into any contract with any lobbyist or legislative agent. However, as a bi-state authority, if you believe that it would be economically beneficial to DRPA to employ such an agent for federal matters, a waiver of Executive Order 15 may be requested. The application for any such waiver should contain not only a sufficient explanation of the continuing

need for a federal lobbyist, but also a demonstration that the requested agent was procured through a competitive process in accordance with the Authority's own procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie", written over the typed name and title.

Chris Christie
Governor

Enclosure

- c. The Honorable Tom Corbett, Governor of Pennsylvania
- John H. Estey, Esq., Chair
- Jeffrey L. Nash, Esq., Vice-Chair
- Deborah L. Gramiccioni, Director, Governor's Authorities Unit