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Dear John:

On behalf of Select Greater Philadelphia (Select) and over 100 of our private-sector Investors, I write in support of the Southern New Jersey Transit Plan. Select pursues a regional economic growth agenda designed to attract companies and jobs to the tri-state metropolitan area and we recognize the importance of transportation infrastructure to our vitality and future competitiveness.

We applaud and support your vision, in particular the plans for the continuation of SJ Light Rail service from Camden to Glassboro. This will create an important link between the academic centers at Rowan University and Rutgers – Camden. The current success of light rail service in Burlington County has provided incredible economic advantages to the area and similar success is anticipated for the Camden/Gloucester region. Your work in determining the best route through the alternatives analysis and planning study has produced a superior plan – you and your team are to be congratulated.

Further, the Bus Rapid Transit along Routes 42, 55 and 676 and improvements to the NJ Transit 30th Street Station to Atlantic City line proposed by the Delaware River Port Authority, NJ Transit and the South Jersey Transportation Authority will have immediate success in easing congestion on our highways.

It is clear that investing in infrastructure is essential to the future economic success of our region and the nation as a whole. The ability for a region to plan, manage and invest in a modern and efficient multi-modal transportation network fosters economic growth and provides a key competitive advantage in our local work to attract and retain companies.

Select anxiously looks forward to seeing the plan set in motion and completed expeditiously.

Sincerely,



Thomas G. Morr
President and CEO