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President/CEO

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Mr. John J. Matheussen
Chief Executive Office, Delaware River Port Authority
One Port Center, P.O. Box 1949
Camden, NJ 08101

Dear John:

I am writing to express the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey's support for a new light rail line from Camden to Glassboro, which will connect Philadelphia to several South Jersey communities. Along with expanded light rail, the Delaware River Port Authority's plan also calls for bus rapid transit along Routes 42 and 55 and an improved rail connection to Atlantic City and the Atlantic City International Airport, both of which the Chamber also strongly supports.

The Chamber believes these plans will create thousands of jobs, reduce traffic congestion, revitalize our business community and provide much needed increased mass transit options in our area. The current success of light rail service in Burlington County has provided incredible economic advantages to the area and the Chamber welcomes similar projects to the Camden and Gloucester County areas.

Additionally, the Chamber is particularly excited about the prospect of improved rail connections to the Atlantic City area, which is essential to the economic viability of New Jersey. A stronger and more efficient transportation system will aid in returning Atlantic City to the gaming destination resort it once was and will increase traffic in and out of the Atlantic City International Airport.

The Chamber believes increased mass transit in the Southern New Jersey area promotes economic growth by connecting people to jobs and stimulates the economy by attracting new businesses to the area. For these reasons, the Chamber is proud to support the plans proposed by the Delaware River Port Authority and looks forward to working with you to make these proposals reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra P. DiLorenzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.