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June 6, 2016

Mr. John Hanson  
Chief Executive Officer, Delaware River Port Authority  
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RE: Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Delaware River Port Authority and the Port Authority Transit Corporation Conducted on May 18, 2016

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I have reviewed the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") for the Delaware River Port Authority and the Port Authority Transit Corporation conducted on May 18, 2016. In accordance with the authority set forth in Article III of the Delaware River Port Authority Compact, N.J.S.A. 32:3-4a-4c, I hereby return the Minutes with a veto of Resolutions DRPA-15-130(A), DRPA-15-130(B), and PATCO-16-013, in which the Board approved economic terms for collective bargaining agreements with bargaining units for the International Union of Operating Engineers, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

These Resolutions fail to restrain uncontrolled growth in health benefit spending. Under these Resolutions, the Authority would be required to absorb more than a million dollars in premium increases over the next two years, while most affected employees would continue to contribute nothing at all toward their health benefits. The Resolutions also fail to incentivize plan administrators to more prudently manage the utilization of health benefits or to make plan design changes to control the growth in spending. As such, the Resolutions authorize collective bargaining agreements that would be fiscally irresponsible and would make the Authority and the Corporation an outlier among their peers, which now require their employees to share responsibility for health benefit premiums.

For these reasons, I return the Minutes of the meeting conducted by the Board on May 18, 2016, with my veto of the aforementioned Resolutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie  
Governor

- c. The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Ryan N. Boyer, Chairman, Delaware River Port Authority  
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