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Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
State Capitol, Executive Chamber
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On September 29 2014, the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) released Final Audit Report 2012-S-156, "New York State Thruway Authority – Selected Aspects of Discretionary Spending," to which there is a 90-day requirement to provide a response to you and the Legislative leaders. The Final Report contains our response to the audit findings, indicating that the Thruway Authority has implemented procedures and guidelines that have significantly reduced discretionary spending (see attached).

At the Thruway Authority, we are strongly committed to cost containment by managing resources efficiently and effectively, while also maintaining a safe and reliable superhighway and canal system and building the New New York Bridge.

We are using our current period of transition as an opportunity to take a fresh look at all our operations, including the processes in place to manage discretionary spending. It is a top priority of the interim management team to rigorously review policies and procedures guiding Thruway Authority operations.

Sincerely,

Jen McCormick
Interim Executive Deputy Director

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