

**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** August 17, 2011

**FROM:** Senator Michael J. Stack

**SUBJECT:** Amending Act 44 for tolling I-80 co-sponsorship memo

I plan on introducing legislation that would amend Act 44 of 2007, which was originally intended to implement and collect tolling for Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania. At that time, our Commonwealth was faced with the real problem of a crumbling infrastructure and very little revenue in which to remedy that situation. In a wholly bi-partisan, the General Assembly passed Act 44 only to have the Federal Government reject this proposal. However, in its ruling, the Federal lawmakers claimed that this law was overturned due to language that was not clear.

The language that I am offering will hopefully clarify the effort that both the House and Senate uniformly passed four years ago. The Turnpike Commission would receive the proceeds of tolling I-80 and would use the funds collected to improve that stretch of interstate as well as the collection of bridges and overpasses that are included in its path. It is my hope that with another bi-partisan effort and greater clarification, we can begin to remedy the funding problems that face our over-used highway.

If you would like to be a co-sponsor of this legislation, please call my Harrisburg office at 787-9608 or e-mail Jason Gerard at [jgerard@pasenate.com](mailto:jgerard@pasenate.com). Thank you for your consideration.