

Impact Statement from GRCA Member

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Burns Logistics is a transportation sales agency representing over 50 trucking companies in the United States, the majority of which are headquartered in or do business in Pennsylvania. They also work on behalf of shippers, manufacturers, food producers, and various other businesses of all sizes.

Bridge tolling will further cripple the already fragile supply chain in the Commonwealth. These tolls will serve to further increase the cost of goods sold in stores.

Of particular concern is the ancillary infrastructure surrounding the proposed Route 78 tolling location. The diverged traffic off of the main highway and onto Old 22 will almost undoubtedly lead to additional accidents in an area that has already suffered multiple fatalities this year.

As far as the issue of funding, which is no doubt of concern, it should be noted that trucking companies, even small ones, buy millions of gallons of fuel per year in a state with oppressive gas taxes. This is not an issue of funding, but of misappropriation of funds. There is plenty of revenue to maintain our roads and bridges, we encourage PennDOT to consider better ways to use said money and no longer divert transportation revenue to other uses, such as our PA State Police; necessary as they are.

Thank you for your reconsideration of this well-intentioned tolling project, which would prove disastrous.