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The Honorable Ed Neilson
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via electronic submission

RE: Motor License Fund / PSP

These comments are submitted on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business in Pennsylvania (NFIB PA). NFIB is the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, representing nearly 13,000 members in Pennsylvania and about 300,000 members throughout the United States. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate, and grow their businesses.

NFIB is fully supportive of removing the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) funding stream from the Motor License Fund (MLF). Billions of dollars, that otherwise would have been spent directly on construction and maintenance, have been siphoned off leaving Pennsylvania's roads and bridges in disrepair. Monies in the MLF should ONLY be used for road and bridge construction.

While NFIB is supportive of removing the PSP from the MLF, the creation of yet another special fund is troublesome. With well over 100 special funds already, these dollars don't go through the normal appropriations process which involves both political parties being forced to vote on the amount of funding, in public. Without a public vote, are taxpayers being properly represented?

Furthermore, where will the new revenue come from? The PSP budget is approximately \$1.5 billion. The amount being transferred to the PSP from the MLF is only around \$500 million, currently. If the PSP were removed from the MLF entirely, where would the additional revenue come from to make them whole?

Whatever the funding solution may be, NFIB would ask that the proposal be transparent and on full display to the public, with input from stakeholders. Special funds breed contempt amongst

the public as they are shielded from public view. If you are going to tax the public, they deserve to know why and what they are receiving in return.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on behalf of Pennsylvania's small and independent businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Moreland', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gregory B. Moreland
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