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RE: Statement from NJ SEED to the Transportation Subcommittee
of Governor-elect Christie

The New Jersey Society for Environmental, Economic Development (NJ SEED) is a coalition of New Jersey's most prominent labor and business organizations and their leaders. The unique blending of our membership places NJ SEED in a strong position to recommend policies that have broad consensus in the environment and the economy benefitting New Jersey.

MORE ABOUT NJ SEED

For more than thirty years, NJ SEED has supported balanced public policies that create private sector jobs, bolster our economy and enhance our environment. What we all have in common is the belief that economic growth and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive. To that end, we applaud Governor Christie's call to eliminate unnecessary regulatory roadblocks to decision making to spur investment in our State.

FUND TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Investing in our transportation infrastructure and diminishing the overregulation of the transportation governed sector will have an immediate positive impact on job growth, movement of goods and people, and the environment. It will assist New Jersey in an effort to maintain standing in competitive global markets. Dollars for infrastructure maintenance, capital improvement and federal matches are critical to every New Jerseyan. It remains a critical priority that we identify long term solutions to meet the obligations of the Transportation Trust Fund and use appropriate Federal matching dollars to support improvements in New Jersey. NJ SEED has traditionally supported consideration of all options in providing dedicated and stable revenue sources.

Billions of dollars are generated by our Ports, on the Delaware River and New York harbor, as they are major economic engines, providing jobs and serving as the point of entry for the goods consumed in our region. These Ports deserve priority attention in maintaining their international standing.

This information represents priority policy initiatives for NJ SEED, but it is only an abstract from our larger "road map" to a better New Jersey, as found in our State and Federal Briefing Books. These and other NJ SEED resources can be found online at www.njseed.org.