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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continuing interest in the future of the Pinellas Bayway bridges. We would like to take this opportunity to update you as to the most recent developments.

Despite our efforts over the last several years to responsibly lay the groundwork for the bridges ultimate replacement, we agree with you that the recent suggestion by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to dramatically increase tolls is unreasonable.

Accordingly, we have both withdrawn legislation pending in both the House and Senate that would have allowed any such FDOT plan, including any toll increases, to move forward.

While we are committed to continue our work on this issue, it is clear a more measured and deliberative approach is called for if we are to make any progress. We believe a more broad-based discussion should take place among not only your state and local elected officials and agencies, but representatives from the various local neighborhood associations and the Citizens Bayway Task Force as well.

Thank you once again for your interest in this important issue. As more information becomes available, we will be back in touch. In the meantime, please call us at anytime if we may be of service.

Senator Dennis L. Jones

and

Representative Jim Frishe