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Secretary of Transportation Jamey Tesler
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Secretary Tesler:

It has now been 2 months since NAGE's request to reopen the economic portion of our most recent CBA has gone unanswered. Our very reasonable request was rooted in unprecedented tax revenue collections and, more importantly, the crush of inflation. Those factors have now been combined with the impact of the war in Ukraine affecting commodities worldwide, driving the price of gas to levels that we have never seen before, not to mention the young families dealing with a shortage of baby formula.

Governor Baker's recent comments and concern for both the supply chain and the growing cost of everyday items in response to the states record tax collection and upward adjustments last week were well stated and convey the need to re-open the CBA. It is in that spirit that I appeal to you once more on behalf of your employees; your workforce needs relief. The cost-of-living adjustments in the recent contract are not enough. I urge you to direct your team to meet with NAGE negotiators and work expeditiously on a new package that will provide your workforce much need financial relief to weather the storm we are in.

The world events impacting our day-to-day lives are bigger than all of us, and we call on you to take action. Your workforce needs your support and I ask you once again to please provide it. I would be happy to discuss this with you directly or have our teams discuss it. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Holway'.

David J. Holway
National President