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Phil Murphy  
Governor  
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to urge you to use your executive power to void the tolling contract that New Jersey Turnpike Authority recently awarded to the company TransCore to run New Jersey's E-ZPass system.

As you know, TransCore allegedly has deep connections to Communist China which raises grave concerns for our national and state security. Temasek Holdings, the parent company of Singapore Technologies Engineering (ST-Engineering) who now owns TransCore, is wholly owned by the government of Singapore.

Notably, a former member of Temasek's board of directors and former chairman of state-owned Chinese oil companies, Fu Chengyu, was a high-ranking member of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) with connections to China's United Front. Although he recently stepped down from Temasek's board, he remains heavily involved with the company focusing on China-related matters.

It is unconscionable that we would willingly allow any business that has ties with a foreign adversary to manage our tolling systems, enabling them to monitor the movement of citizens, government officials, and potentially critical cargo. The sensitive nature of the data involved in tolling operations—including personal information, financial records, and travel patterns—raises significant national security and privacy concerns. This is especially concerning at a time when tensions between the United States and Chinese governments are at an all-time high.

Given these concerns, I believe it is appropriate and proper to thoroughly re-evaluate, or void New Jersey Turnpike Authority's tolling contract with TransCore and reopen the bidding process to ensure the safety, security, and privacy of all New Jerseyans. It is imperative that we prioritize national security and ensure that our state infrastructure and citizens' data remain protected from foreign surveillance and interference.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to working with you to take the necessary steps to safeguard New Jersey's critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Pennacchio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Senator Joseph Pennacchio

cc: Attorney General Matthew Platkin  
New Jersey Turnpike Authority