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Mr. Chairman, unfortunately, due to late notice of this hearing and scheduling conflicts I will not be able to testify in person before the committee today. However, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments and offer my recollection of the progression toward automated tolling across the Pennsylvania Turnpike system.

As you know, I served as a commissioner of the Pennsylvania Turnpike from 2013-17 and was chair from January 2015 to February 2017. I was a commissioner during the process when the system was moving toward automated tolling.

During this time, I expressed my views about how we could appropriately proceed. I recommended then that a hybrid toll collection system be used that features a reliance on automated tolling, but the system retain limited in-person toll collection as an option for consumers. This approach has several advantages including enhanced safety for motorists, a reduction in lost revenue, greater use of technology and a better outcome for employees.

During my tenure, the commission agreed to study cashless tolling with two pilot projects, one at the Delaware River Bridge and the other at Beaver Valley Expressway. A report noting impacts related to safety, employment, revenue costs and technology was to be produced. At the time, I communicated the initiation of the study and this approach to Turnpike employees.

In addition, I helped negotiate - with all parties in agreement - that the commencement of fully automated tolling would take place in 2022 to smooth the transition. The original timeline called for automated tolling to begin in 2018. As a part of this agreement, no employee layoffs were to occur while the study was underway or during the changeover.

As noted above, I am honored to be given the chance to offer my comments and provide recollections concerning the move to automated tolling across the entire Turnpike system. I hope my comments will provide background and aid the committee in its review of automated tolling.