

**Opening Remarks – Confirmation Hearing  
The Honorable Sean Logan  
Senate Transportation Committee  
June 21, 2022**

Good morning, Chairmen Langerholc and Flynn and members of the committee.

I want to thank you for allowing me a chance to come before your committee – as well as the Governor for the honor of this nomination.

It's always a pleasure to be back in the Senate and good to know that you can go home again. It's great to see some old friends and have an opportunity to meet newer members.

The work of the Turnpike Commission is an endlessly delicate balance of how to effectively operate a highway system that almost half a million customers rely upon daily with being responsible stewards of public dollars and making sustainable investments for the future.

To that end, I believe I have a unique perspective as a nominee for this position as I have previously served on the Turnpike Commission from 2013 until 2017, including four years as Chairman.

With about 200 million vehicles each year, the Turnpike Commission's greatest obligation is to ensure safe travel for drivers and passengers and keeping the roadways in good working order.

I probably don't have to tell you that the financial obligations we were under as a result of Act 44 caused us to defer projects that would have added new capacity – including more lanes and new interchanges – in exchange for mostly maintenance projects.

Now with that settled, the Turnpike can recommit to a more sustainable future. It's no secret that transportation is changing at an almost astonishing pace as alternative fuels, electric and automated vehicles and ride share services evolve and expand. And it'll be our job to adapt swiftly.

On top of the Act 44 payments having concluded, the federal infrastructure bill is also providing us with new hope to get the Turnpike Commission back on track with investments that will allow us to rehabilitate and rebuild.

In addition to traditional roadway work and maintenance, one area of which I'm excited to get to work on is the large-scale fiber optic broadband network that will become an essential element for roadway monitoring and surveillance, allowing us enhance safety and improve incident response. This will be an important component that will benefit not only our customers and employees, but also emergency responders and local residents.

As someone who has worn several hats by serving in various positions directly related to transportation needs, public safety and the impact our highway systems have on everything from our local communities and to economic development, I know firsthand how vital this work is.

My entire adult life has been dedicated to public service and I pledge to you all today that I am more than ready and willing to meet the demands of this position.

As a former legislator, I am very much aware of how meaningful open communication and a level of trust will be between all of us and I assure you I am committed to upholding my end of the bargain.

Thank you again for allowing me to be here. I'd be happy to take any questions.