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John J. Degnan, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
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Dear Chairman Degnan:

It is with great respect for your position as Chairman of the Port Authority that I write this letter to express my surprise and dismay regarding the potential planning for a Secaucus Bus Terminal. Please put yourself in my place for a moment...

Imagine yourself as the Mayor of a small, close-knit community here in the shadows of New York City. Imagine being elected to represent the more than 18,000 residents of the wonderful Town of Secaucus. Imagine opening the paper and reading an article indicating that the Port Authority is considering locating a large bus terminal within our small town's borders. Imagine hearing from residents on your cell phone, home phone, office phone, e-mail and social media asking what I knew about this project and how it may impact our community. Imagine having to respond to those residents who elected me to lead this Town that no one has had the courtesy to reach out to me to discuss this idea and that the first I heard of it was by reading the same articles they read.

I am sure you can understand my disappointment that I had to learn of this potential project through the media and that no one from the Port Authority brought his matter to the Town's attention before it became public. Since there has been no communication with the Port Authority, I can only base an opinion on the scant information contained in newspaper articles and it currently not a supportive or favorable one. I am respectfully requesting a meeting with your agency so that I may be better informed and open a dialogue with regard to this potential project that could have an enormous impact on the residents of Secaucus. I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Gonnelli

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