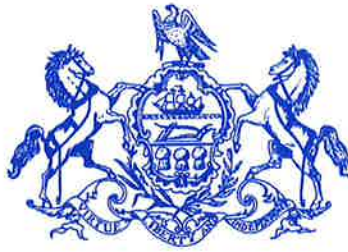


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March 19, 2019

Mark P. Compton, CEO
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
700 S. Eisenhower Blvd.
Middletown, PA 17057

RE: Request that the Hyperloop feasibility study include a station in Cambria County.

Dear Mr. Compton:

I am writing to request that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's feasibility study on building a cross-state Hyperloop include a station in Cambria County. Last week, I was briefed of the potential magnitude of the Hyperloop project at the commission's headquarters. The Hyperloop's technology, which provides the potential to move freight and passengers from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia in as little as 30 minutes, creates an opportunity for tremendous economic development in those areas.

As you undertake the study, please be mindful that the state is more than just Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. As technology develops that will change how freight is shipped and people travel, it's important that we not forget about the residents in areas such as Johnstown, State College and Erie. Cambria County has always been limited by its lack of access to a major highway. With Hyperloop being the "interstate of the future," it has the potential to change the lives of every Pennsylvanian – as long as they are not left behind.

As the state's metropolitan areas experience massive growth and prosperity, overcrowding and gentrification will occur. Pennsylvania's ports already have limited ability to expand, making access to places like Cambria County the key to solving these and many other problems.

Thank you for considering my request as I'm excited about the potential impact the Hyperloop could have on all of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Burns".

Frank Burns
State Representative
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