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Chair of the Board, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority
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Dear Mr. Martinez:

Congratulations on being elected to serve as the next Chair of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) Board of Directors. I wish you much success in your new role and hope to work more closely with you and the MDX in the near future.

As you are aware, Miami-Dade County residents have been very critical of the manner in which the MDX has closed its system in an effort to more equitably distribute the cost of future projects and the maintenance of our highways. As a lifelong public servant and as Mayor of the largest county in Florida, I appreciate the need for agencies like the MDX to generate the funding necessary to maintain infrastructure and to expand the system that is used by 2.6 million residents and the millions more who visit our community each year. These tolls, which have been paid by users of the MDX's five highways, were largely toll-free until the final months of 2014.

Recently, I was advised that the MDX introduced a new Cash Back Toll Dividend Program that will return dividend payments proportionate to a user's investment in the MDX's infrastructure. One of my concerns with this program is that toll payers will be required to register each year. Also, in order to run this program, additional funding will be required to support the necessary technology and infrastructure. Rather than add what I believe to be an unnecessary burden on toll payers, the MDX should take a proactive approach to this issue by recalculating the cost of tolls based on the funds being forecasted, instead of taking a reactive approach by returning unspent funding to frequent toll payers.

I urge the MDX to consider a reduction in the cost of tolls for the MDX roadways right-of-way, which I believe to be a more fiscally responsible approach that will benefit the MDX users and the organization as a whole.

We look forward to working with you and your team on transportation projects throughout Miami-Dade County. Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Hernandez, Director of Communications, at (305) 375-1545.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen P. Clark".