



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Dear Director Steudle,

I would like to congratulate you and your entire team for the prompt and efficient management of the Gateway Project in Detroit. It is truly a testament to what a dedicated team of motivated and empowered state employees can accomplish when faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

A March 8 court order thrust upon you a shocking and unprecedented challenge. You went to work immediately, finishing six months of work in five weeks to award contracts and begin the final phase of a project that rewards a \$230 million taxpayer investment in improving the flow of traffic and commerce between our nation and Canada, our most important trading partner.

The court drama and political battles sparked heightened public scrutiny of this complex project. Your performance under the spotlight has demonstrated how an efficient and effective state government should operate.

You have set a high bar for other state agencies.

Michigan's international crossings are vital to our continued economic recovery and development. With great teamwork and efficiency, I am confident that we will continue to improve this crucial artery of international trade.

Again, I am so grateful for the professional manner in which this unpredictable and unexpected situation was handled. Please share my admiration with your team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder
Governor