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Dear Teamsters Joint Council No. 41 members and Ohio citizens:

Teamsters Local Union 436 represents all of the workers on the Ohio Turnpike, including full-time toll collectors, part-time toll collectors and maintenance personnel. These union brothers and sisters are under attack on multiple fronts and need your help.

First, the toll collectors on the Ohio Turnpike are being systematically replaced with automation. E-Z Pass and automated teller machines have caused reductions in the number of both full- and part-time toll collectors. This means that when you pay your toll you will no longer be greeted by a helpful person but will instead be at the mercy of a machine. Effective immediately, we are asking that all Teamster members, even those that must use E-Z Pass, avoid the E-Z Pass only lanes. Please use the E-Z Pass/ Tickets lanes, which are manned by a Teamster toll collector. Your support and solidarity is needed and greatly appreciated.

Second, the governor of Ohio is discussing the possibility of leasing the Ohio Turnpike to a private entity. The Ohio Turnpike is completely supported by the tolls that are collected. No Ohio taxes are used to staff or maintain the Ohio Turnpike. It is an asset of Ohio and should remain an asset of Ohio. Please contact your state legislators and tell them to keep the Ohio Turnpike an asset of Ohio.

Third, Senate Bill 5 is a direct attack on these members as public employees. "We Are Ohio," with your support and assistance, collected and submitted more than enough signatures to place this destructive legislation on the ballot in November. That fight, however, is far from over. Your help is vital to making sure that the citizens of Ohio understand the importance of defeating Senate Bill 5 at the polls.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your hard work, solidarity and support during these difficult times. I believe that, working together, we can accomplish anything.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert R. Mixon".

Albert R. Mixon
International Vice President