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To my DOT colleagues,

I know the sacrifices everyone is making to keep our operations going. Every day you continue to demonstrate the resiliency and dedication of this agency and our people, and for that I want to again thank you. I also wanted to take this opportunity to share an update with some additional information.

Safety continues to be our number one priority. Since the first meeting on this outbreak two months ago, we have requested supplies and protective gear. And now, as limited supplies are flowing to hospitals and healthcare workers, we are also starting to receive some supplies. Be assured, as soon as they are available, we will pass them out to employees where necessary.

As many of you know, our bureau chiefs have been working with our sister agencies to get people the tools they need to work from home when practical in order to keep all of us as safe as possible. We have made progress in identifying who can work from home. We've also worked to allocate our workforce so that we can still operate if certain team members must self-isolate for 14 days. So far, we have been successful in showing that we can work through this crisis and keep our department going.

Make no mistake, the work we do is essential to moving Connecticut forward and through this crisis. We have been called upon to keep the roads open, the rail and bus systems operating, and repairs and construction going. Time, and time again, you have helped us answer that call to keep our state open and moving—all while being good stewards of the public's money and trust. Again, I want to sincerely thank you.

By continuing to advance construction projects and planning for future work, we will be well-positioned for when federal dollars start to flow from stimulus legislation. And know that although ridership is down on our public transportation systems, we are taking every opportunity to look for other advantages and increase productivity.

I want you to know that I spoke with Governor Lamont over the weekend and the first thing he said was how proud he was of the Department of Transportation. He is aware of all that we do for the state and was quite clear in how much he appreciates all your work—from maintenance workers and the construction groups to the bus and train operators and staff.

When asked if we can continue to work and keep our team as safe as possible, I replied that the Department of Transportation is proud to stand up for the people of Connecticut and in support of the Governor's leadership through this crisis.

The State of Connecticut is counting on us. I am very proud of all of you, and happy to be the Commissioner during these challenging times. I appreciate the support that I have here.

Joe Giulietti

Commissioner