



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

December 13, 1973

Hon. Milton J. Shapp  
Governor of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Governor:

This letter is being delivered simultaneously to the Offices of the Attorney General and the Auditor General. Each will understand its public interest value in a specific way. The press will receive it at 1:00 p.m. today.

I protest your decision to name Egidio Cerilli, Westmoreland County Highway Superintendent, to the Turnpike Commission. I can only conclude that it is your intention to continue making appointments while withholding vital information from the legislative branch on such appointees.

In the instance of Mr. Cerilli, he has at this point had "experience" in managing one of the shoddiest and shadiest County highway departments in Pennsylvania.

In line with my responsibility as Chairman of the Select Committee created by HR 93 (Enc.) I have had cause to initiate a review of certain practices within the Highway department in Westmoreland County. In doing so, I found that the Department of Auditor General has made a major investment of staff and time checking on the same matters.

Furthermore, I have knowledge that your Administration, through the Department of Justice, has been the repository of information from the Auditor General for some time. I also have knowledge of the communication sent to you personally on October 2 by the Auditor General which deals with Administration non-performance of responsibility. I also transmitted my feelings to the Attorney General about the Westmoreland County situation.

I assure you that in the near future the affairs of the Highway Department in Westmoreland and other counties will be aired before the House Committee. It is suggested that until such time as it is determined that the Highway Department in Westmoreland County has been managed solely with the public interest in mind, that you hold the appointment of Mr. Cerilli in abeyance.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Gleason

P.S. As an afterthought I also enclose a copy of a letter to Israel Packel.



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April 3, 1974

Honorable Robert P. Casey  
Auditor General  
Room 229, Finance Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Casey:

As you are aware, the House Select Committee to Investigate State Contract Practices, which I chair, has jurisdiction to examine the activities of the State Department of Transportation in Westmoreland County.

The Committee's Special Counsel have informed me that they feel it is important that we copy your file in its entirety. I have been informed by your Chief Counsel, William H. Smith, that this should present no problem with the understanding that our staff will do the copying.

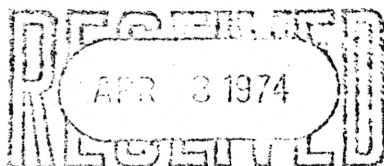
Bill has, however, asked that I finalize this request to you and thus this letter. If you will ask Bill to contact counsel by phone at 7-5292 or 7-2386 with your o.k., I am sure we can have the work concluded promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick A. Gleason, Chairman  
House Select Committee on  
State Contract Practices

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