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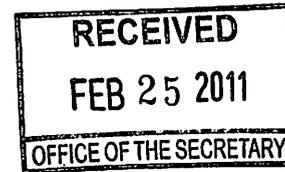
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February 17, 2011

Ms. Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549-1090



Dear Secretary Murphy:

I am writing on behalf of the Mackinac Bridge Authority board to state our opposition to the potential new Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule, that would appear, will require our appointed board members to register as "advisors" with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Appointed board members of the Mackinac Bridge Authority should not be included within the Dodd-Frank Act's definition of "municipal advisors." The role of a Mackinac Bridge Authority member is to set tolls and in no way act as a "municipal advisor."

All decisions related to the investiture of Authority funds are expressly handled by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The Authority's only participation on investments was to pass a resolution instructing the Department of Treasury to ensure that the Mackinac Bridge Authority's primary objectives of safety, liquidity, and returns are realized.

I urge the SEC to clarify this definition of financial advisor. To include appointed board members of the Mackinac Bridge Authority in this definition, members who have no "advisory role," will burden board members and will deter talented and dedicated persons from volunteering to serve on boards such as the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Sweeney, P.E.
Executive Secretary