

May 19, 2010

Gale Mattison, Chairperson  
State Contracting Standards Board  
Room 173  
State Office Building  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Mattison:

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chairperson to formally request that the Board make a determination that bridge safety inspections in the Department of Transportation are "core governmental functions." Core governmental function is defined in Connecticut General Statute 4e-16.

If the Board so determines that bridge safety inspections are core governmental functions, then I ask that the Board use its authority to require the Department of Transportation to perform the requisite cost benefit analysis and business case to "include information sufficient to rebut the presumption that such core governmental function should not be privatized" prior to contracting for bridge safety inspections. Given the volume of inspections proposed by the Department and the delays in the startup of the Board, I ask that this be discussed at the Board meeting on May 24, 2010.

I have taken the liberty of providing a copy of this letter to the other Board members because of current staffing issues with the Board.

Very truly yours,



**Robert Rinker**

Executive Director, CSEA SEIU Local 2001

cc: Members of the State Contracting Standards Board

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