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March 28, 2025

Francis O'Connor
Chairman
New Jersey Turnpike Authority
PO BOX 5042
Woodbridge, NJ 07095-5042

Dear Chairman O'Connor:

I write to seek clarity on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's (NJTA) decision to award the contract for the operation of the state's E-ZPass services to TransCore. On September 24, 2024, NJTA awarded the state's E-ZPass Services contract to TransCore from the current operator, Conduent. As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, it is essential to ensure that the bidding process was conducted with security.

I specifically have questions about TransCore's foreign ownership structure. TransCore is owned by Singapore-based ST Engineering, which, in turn, is ultimately owned and controlled by Temasek Holdings. Temasek is wholly owned by the government of Singapore, with alleged ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).¹ Chinese law requires Chinese companies to comply with directives from the CCP, including orders to turn over data and sensitive information.² Should TransCore ultimately retain the contract, they will have access to the personal information of New Jersey drivers, including, but not limited to names, home addresses, license plate numbers, and contact information. I am concerned that information could fall into the hands of our number one adversary.

In addition, I'm concerned about the potential failure of TransCore to disclose the ownership of a substantial portion of ST Engineering during the bidding process. According to public reporting, nearly thirty percent of ST is owned by undisclosed nominee entities.³

¹<https://www.nj.com/news/2024/10/nj-e-zpass-operator-protests-award-to-competitor-it-says-will-cost-toll-payers-millions.html>

²<https://www.axios.com/2024/03/15/tiktok-ban-security-china-laws>

³<https://jerseyvindicator.org/2025/02/23/backroom-deals-and-billion-dollar-contracts-nj-turnpike-e-zpass-agreement-with-singapore-owned-firm-shrouded-in-secrecy/>

Given these issues, I'm requesting please that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority respond to the following questions within the next thirty days:

1. Given that this contract involves handling sensitive tolling and transportation data, what safeguards are in place to ensure the protection of motorists' personal and financial information?
2. What information can you provide regarding TransCore's alleged connections to foreign entities and current or former ownership structures, including concerns about potential ties to the CCP?

Thank you, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Gottheimer".

Josh Gottheimer
Member of Congress

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION – SPECIAL CIVIL PART, ATLANTIC COUNTY

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEVON TYLER BARBER,

Defendant / Counterclaimant.

DOCKET NO. ATL-DC-007956-25

COVER LETTER

October 28, 2025

Hon. Dean R. Marcolongo, J.S.C.
Atlantic County Civil Courthouse
1201 Bacharach Blvd.
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Via: Judiciary Electronic Document Submission (JEDS)

Re: Submission of Defendant's Discovery Requests

Barber v. New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Docket No. ATL-DC-007956-25

Dear Honorable Judge Dean R. Marcolongo:

Pursuant to this Court's **Order dated October 27, 2025**, the Defendant respectfully submits the enclosed **First Set of Interrogatories, Notice to Produce Documents, and Requests for Admissions** in the above-referenced matter.

This discovery is served in full compliance with the Court's directive permitting Defendant thirty (30) days to submit discovery requests and requires Plaintiff's responses within the timeframes set forth in the New Jersey Court Rules (R. 4:17–4:19; R. 4:22-1).

The purpose of these requests is to develop the factual record necessary to ensure that this case proceeds on a complete and accurate understanding of the administrative, contractual, and procedural matters at issue. Defendant submits this discovery packet **in the interest of justice and transparency**, so that all relevant information may be reviewed by the Court and the parties in good faith.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Devon T. Barber
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Enclosure:

DEFENDANT'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES, NOTICE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, AND REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

(Pursuant to R. 4:17–4:19 and R. 6:4-3(f))

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AND REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

Including National-Security and Public-Trust Inquiries

Pursuant to the March 28, 2025 Gottheimer Letter

TO:

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL

PLAINTIFF'S INFORMATION (FOR REFERENCE)

GREGORY F. KOTCHICK, ESQ. DURKIN & DURKIN, LLC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF, NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY 1120 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE WEST CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY 07006	New Jersey Turnpike Authority 1 Turnpike Plaza Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-5195 United States of America Website: www.njta.com Publicly reported annual revenue (approx.): \$2.49 billion (aggregate)
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(R. 4:17 – 4:19; R. 6:4-3(F))

20 PURPOSE OF DISCOVERY

21 Defendant / Counterclaimant seeks factual discovery concerning:

- 22 (A) The proportionality and legality of “administrative fees” that exceed the underlying toll;
- 23 (B) Whether such fees are used to fund outsourced enforcement operations or service bond debt and other financing obligations rather than to recover the Authority’s actual administrative costs;
- 24 (C) Whether motorists’ travel and personal data are being captured and shared beyond toll-collection purposes, including by foreign-owned or third-party vendors; and
- 25 (D) Whether motorists — especially those with disabilities — receive lawful notice, due process, and reasonable accommodation before penalties escalate.

26 This discovery directly supports Defendant’s Counterclaim (public-trust obligations, statutory-authority limits, data-security control, ADA access, and constitutional proportionality) as recognized by the Court in its Order of October 27, 2025.

27 PUBLIC INTEREST CONTEXT

32 On March 28 2025, U.S. Congressman **Josh Gottheimer**, a member of the House Permanent
33 Select Committee on Intelligence, sent **Chairman Francis O'Connor** of the NJ Turnpike
34 Authority a formal letter questioning the Authority's award of its E-ZPass contract to
35 **TransCore** and raising national-security concerns about foreign ownership and data access.

36 Congressman Gottheimer wrote:

37 *"I am concerned that information could fall into the hands of our number one adversary."*

38 Defendant seeks to determine whether NJTA conducted any security review or implemented
39 data-protection safeguards in response to that letter and whether any public response exists.

40 **DEFINITIONS**

- 41 • “**NJTA**” means the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, including its Board, Commissioners,
42 officers, employees, divisions, agents, counsel (Durkin & Durkin, LLC), contractors, and
43 subcontractors.
- 44 • “**E-ZPass system**” means any tolling, billing, enforcement, plate-reader, roadside gantry,
45 imaging, data-storage, back-end account servicing, or collection system operating on
46 NJTA facilities.
- 47 • “**TransCore**” means TransCore LP / TransCore ITS / any TransCore affiliate providing
48 toll or violation services for NJTA.
- 49 • “**ST Engineering**” means Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd. and any related
50 entity that holds ownership in TransCore.
- 51 • “**Temasek**” means Temasek Holdings, a sovereign-wealth entity of the Government of
52 Singapore.

53 TIME SCOPE

54 Unless otherwise stated: January 1 2020 to present.

55 I. INTERROGATORIES (R. 4:17-4(a))

56 (A) Identify all current NJTA Board Members / Commissioners / executive officers. For each,
57 state full name, title, date of appointment, appointing authority, term expiration, and whether
58 they are salaried or compensated.

59 (B) State whether NJTA is treated, for purposes of ownership and control of assets and revenues,
60 as: (a) a State agency; (b) a body corporate and politic; (c) a component unit; or (d) an
61 independent public corporation. Identify all statutes or regulations you rely on (including
62 N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq.).

63 (C) Identify every bank account, reserve fund, sinking fund, escrow account, trust account, or
64 bonded revenue fund into which NJTA deposits (a) toll revenue, (b) administrative fees,
65 and/or (c) violation penalties.

66 (D) State the total toll revenue, total violation-penalty revenue, and total “administrative fee”
67 revenue collected by NJTA for each fiscal year 2020-2025, and describe how each category
68 is allocated (operations, enforcement, debt service, vendor payments, capital projects,
69 counsel fees, etc.).

70 (E) Describe in detail the methodology used to determine the current “administrative fee,”
71 including whether it is compensatory or punitive. Identify all cost studies, analyses,
72 approvals, and legal opinions supporting that amount.

73 (F) Identify all outside law firms and collection vendors retained by NJTA since 1/1/2020, state
74 their fee structures, funding sources, and whether their costs are recovered through
75 “administrative fees.”

76 (G) Identify every contractor or vendor from 1/1/2020 to present that performs or supports any of
77 the following for NJTA: (a) E-ZPass account servicing; (b) toll-by-plate imaging; (c)
78 violation mailing or collection; (d) gantry / camera installation; (e) data storage or analytics.
79 Provide each entity’s principal place of business, parent company, and ultimate beneficial
80 owner, including any foreign sovereign ownership.

81 (H) Identify the E-ZPass / toll-services contract awarded on or about September 24 2024 ($\approx \$1.7$
82 billion). List the winning contractor, bid amount, all losing bidders, their bid amounts, and all
83 factors NJTA used to justify accepting a higher bid.

84 (I) State whether NJTA received any protest or appeal from Conduent or others alleging the
85 winning vendor was \$200–\$250 million more expensive or that foreign ownership posed data
86 risks; summarize NJTA’s responses and final disposition.

87 (J) State whether NJTA commissioned any assessment, briefing, legal opinion, security review,
88 or “National Security Agreement” regarding TransCore, ST Engineering, or Temasek;
89 identify who prepared it and summarize findings.

90 (K) Identify all roadside gantry, multi-camera, plate-reader, or other fixed surveillance / tolling
91 structures installed or upgraded since 1/1/2020. For each, state:

- 92 1. project name / number;
- 93 2. milepost or location;
- 94 3. prime contractor;
- 95 4. contract value;

- 96 5. funding source;
97 6. stated operational purpose (tolling, analytics, enforcement, etc.); and
98 7. statutory authority for each use and data retention or sharing.

99 **(L)** Explain the legal theory by which NJTA asserts authority to impose tolls and fees without a
100 signed contract; cite all statutes, regulations, signage, or legal opinions relied upon.

101 **(M)** State NJTA's position on whether E-ZPass lane use creates (a) a statutory obligation, (b)
102 an implied-in-fact contract, (c) a quasi-contract, or (d) other legal theory; cite supporting
103 authority.

104 **(N)** Identify each agency or entity receiving NJTA-captured vehicle data since 1/1/2020,
105 including any federal or private recipients.

106 **(O)** State NJTA's data retention policy for images and records and who may authorize extension
107 or disclosure.

108 **(P)** Identify each ADA Compliance Officer or Coordinator from 1/1/2020 to present and describe
109 duties.

110 **(Q)** Describe how a disabled motorist can request accommodation before penalties or fees are
111 assessed.

112 **(R)** Identify all audits or reviews (2020-present) addressing (a) fee proportionality, (b) Excessive
113 Fines Clause compliance, (c) data security and foreign ownership risk, or (d) ADA
114 accessibility.

115 **(S)** Identify any conflict-of-interest disclosure or recusal by NJTA officials relating to
116 TransCore, ST Engineering, Temasek, or Conduent.

117 **(T)** If NJTA claims information cannot be disclosed, state precisely what privilege or legal
118 authority is asserted.

119 II. NOTICE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

120 (R. 4:18-1)

121 Plaintiff, the **New Jersey Turnpike Authority (“NJTA”)**, shall produce the following
122 documents within **thirty-five (35) days after service** hereof, in electronic (PDF or native)
123 format, pursuant to Rule 4:18-1(b) of the New Jersey Court Rules.

124 (A)

125 All NJTA Board agendas, meeting minutes, resolutions, recorded votes, and staff memoranda
126 dated from **January 1, 2020 to the present** that relate in any way to:

- 127 1. Toll-rate schedules or changes;
- 128 2. Violation penalties or “administrative fees”;
- 129 3. The approval, award, protest, or reconsideration of any E-ZPass, toll-services, or
130 enforcement contract;
- 131 4. The installation or upgrade of roadside gantries, multi-camera structures, plate readers, or
132 other fixed tolling and surveillance infrastructure;
- 133 5. The use or pledge of toll revenues to secure bond debt; and
- 134 6. Any review, report, or discussion concerning data privacy, cybersecurity, foreign
135 ownership, or national-security issues involving TransCore, ST Engineering, or Temasek.

136 (B)

137 All bid solicitations (RFPs/RFQs), bid submissions, tabulations, evaluator notes, scoring sheets,
138 recommendation memoranda, award letters, notices of intent to award, executed contracts,
139 amendments, work orders, “notice-to-proceed” documents, and acceptance or commissioning
140 certificates for the **E-ZPass / toll-services contract awarded on or about September 24, 2024**

141 (approximately \$1.7 billion), together with the equivalent materials for each unsuccessful
142 bidder, including **Conduent's** proposal.

143 (C)

144 All protest letters, appeals, bid challenges, or objection correspondence (including from
145 Conduent) regarding the contract identified in Request (B), and all NJTA responses, analyses, or
146 determinations relating to those protests—particularly any references to vendor ownership, cost
147 differentials, or data-security concerns involving TransCore, ST Engineering, or Temasek.

148 (D)

149 All “national-security,” “data-security,” or “cybersecurity” reviews, risk assessments, or
150 agreements referenced in **Congressman Josh Gottheimer’s March 28, 2025** letter to Chairman
151 Francis O’Connor, including any “National Security Agreement” with the **U.S. Department of**
152 **the Treasury** or the **U.S. Department of Justice** concerning the protection of New Jersey
153 motorists’ personal data.

154 (E)

155 All contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, change orders, scopes of work, milestone billings,
156 pay applications, inspection or acceptance certificates, and “placed-in-service” or “substantial-
157 completion” sign-offs relating to the installation or upgrade of gantries, plate readers, multi-
158 camera roadside arrays, or other automated toll or surveillance structures on the **Garden State**
159 **Parkway** or **New Jersey Turnpike** from **January 1, 2020 to present**, identifying for each
160 project its location and total contract value.

161 (F)

162 All internal cost studies, engineering analyses, consultant reports, board packages, spreadsheets,
163 staff memoranda, white papers, and legal opinions used or relied upon by NJTA to determine or
164 justify the current “**administrative fee**,” including any documents purporting to show that the
165 fee reflects actual administrative cost or reimburses outside-counsel expenses.

166 (G)

167 All engagement letters, retainer agreements, amendments, invoices, payment records, and fee
168 schedules for **Durkin & Durkin, LLC** and any other law firm or collection vendor engaged by
169 NJTA since **January 1, 2020**, including documentation showing whether such expenses are
170 recovered through “administrative fees.”

171 (H)

172 All NJTA policies, standard-operating procedures, training manuals, customer-facing terms of
173 service, website or portal terms, and posted signage language that NJTA contends establish or
174 notify motorists of a legal obligation to pay tolls, penalties, or “administrative fees” without a
175 signed written agreement.

176 (I)

177 All written **ADA compliance** policies, training materials, call-center scripts, accommodation
178 request forms, grievance procedures, audit reports, consultant reviews, and compliance
179 assessments governing how motorists with disabilities may dispute toll violations, request
180 accommodations, or seek relief prior to enforcement or collection.

181 (J)

182 All conflict-of-interest disclosure forms, recusals, ethics statements, and screening memoranda
183 submitted since **January 1, 2020** by any NJTA Board Member, Commissioner, procurement
184 officer, or counsel relating to **TransCore, ST Engineering, Temasek, or Conduent**.

185 (K)

186 All current and historical **organizational charts, bylaws, charter documents, and**
187 **amendments** of NJTA in effect from **January 1, 2020 to present**.

188 (L)

189 All **annual financial reports, audited financial statements, and comprehensive annual**
190 **financial reports (CAFRs)** for fiscal years **2020 through 2025**.

191 (M)

192 All documents identifying **bond trustees, underwriters, or investors** holding NJTA debt
193 instruments during **2020 – 2025**, including offering memoranda, trust indentures, and payment
194 schedules.

195 (N)

196 All **contracts, memoranda of understanding, or vendor agreements** between NJTA and any
197 private entity for toll collection, camera systems, or data processing (including E-ZPass,
198 Conduent, TransCore, ST Engineering, or related affiliates).

199 (O)

200 All **bid solicitations, award memoranda, and procurement justifications** for the contracts
201 described in Request (N).

202 (P)

203 All **internal or external audits, reviews, or evaluations** for fiscal years **2020 through 2025**
204 concerning toll-collection or violation-enforcement systems.

205 (Q)

206 All **communications, memoranda, or correspondence** between NJTA and the **New Jersey**
207 **State Treasurer or Office of the Governor** relating to toll-rate adjustments, bond issuances,
208 debt-service payments, or capital projects.

209 (R)

210 All **ethics filings, conflict-of-interest disclosures, and recusal records** for any NJTA officer or
211 Board Member since **January 1, 2020**.

212 (S)

213 All **policies, procedures, and agreements** governing the **retention, sharing, sale, or external**
214 **transmission** of driver, vehicle, or account data obtained through NJTA's tolling or enforcement
215 systems.

216 (T)

217 A complete **list of all public or private entities** granted database access to NJTA's surveillance
218 or toll-record systems and copies of all agreements or memoranda defining such access.

219 (U)

220 NJTA's complete **correspondence file** with **Congressman Josh Gottheimer** or the **U.S. House**
221 **Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence** concerning the **March 28, 2025** letter to
222 Chairman Francis O'Connor, including all drafts, internal communications, and final responses.

223 (V)

224 All communications between NJTA and the **Office of the Governor, NJ Department of**
225 **Transportation, NJ Attorney General, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S.**
226 **Department of the Treasury, or U.S. Department of Justice** regarding foreign ownership of
227 **TransCore / ST Engineering / Temasek** and related **data-security safeguards**.

228 (W)

229 All **board minutes, executive-session notes, or internal memoranda** reflecting any discussion,
230 briefing, or acknowledgment of the **March 28, 2025 Gottheimer letter**.

231 (X)

232 All **risk assessments, cybersecurity evaluations, or “National Security Agreements”**
233 referenced in the above correspondence or created in response to that letter.

234 III. REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS (R. 4:22-1)

235 (A) Admit that NJTA is a “body corporate and politic” created by statute.

236 (B) Admit that NJTA revenues are not deposited in the State Treasury general fund.

237 (C) Admit that NJTA issues bonds secured by toll revenues.

238 (D) Admit that on or about September 24 2024, NJTA awarded a \$1.7 billion E-ZPass contract to
239 TransCore.

240 (E) Admit that Conduent’s proposal was approximately \$200–\$250 million lower.

241 (F) Admit that TransCore is owned by ST Engineering, which is controlled by Temasek
242 Holdings.

243 (G) Admit that Congressman Josh Gottheimer sent NJTA a letter dated March 28 2025 raising
244 national security and data-privacy concerns about that award.

- 245 (H) Admit that NJTA received that letter.
- 246 (I) Admit that NJTA has not issued a public written response as of the date of these Requests.
- 247 (J) Admit that NJTA holds New Jersey motorists' personal and financial data and is responsible
248 for its protection under U.S. law.
- 249 (K) Admit that if TransCore or its parent companies store such data, NJTA must ensure it is
250 protected against foreign access.
- 251 (L) Admit that NJTA and/or its vendors collect and store license-plate images and travel data for
252 toll enforcement.
- 253 (M) Admit that such data can identify a driver's home address and travel routes.
- 254 (N) Admit that one purpose of the "administrative fee" is to generate revenue beyond the actual
255 cost of collection.
- 256 (O) Admit that the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike serve the traveling public,
257 including New Jersey families using private vehicles for daily life activities.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 27th, 2025 I served the foregoing Interrogatories, Notice to Produce, and Requests for Admissions via the Judiciary Electronic Document Submission (JEDS) system upon the Honorable Court and opposing counsel for Plaintiff, Durkin & Durkin, LLC.

I certify that the foregoing statements are true. I understand that if any statement is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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