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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Citizens of Illinois want a transparent and
3 accountable State Government; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has put procurement
5 rules in place to eliminate questions of impropriety when it
6 comes to State contracts; and

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WHEREAS, Recent reports have uncovered that the Toll
8 Highway Authority's Board approved a \$157 million contract with
9 an engineering firm that contributed to the directors'
10 charities and employs family members of two tollway officials;
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WHEREAS, The tollway has also approved a \$6.6 million
13 subcontract with a politically-connected communications firm
14 that did not require an open-bid process; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois
Tollway Authority to provide the citizens of Illinois greater
transparency and accountability in the Authorities procurement
process; this includes, but is not limited to: abiding by all
procurement regulations on prime and subcontracts; posting all
contracts online, including those not publicly bid; following

1 all disadvantaged, minority and women-owned business
2 enterprise laws; and disclosing all potential conflicts of
3 interest on the Authority's online electric bulletin; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.