



Governor Ruth Ann Minner



January 15, 2009

To the Members of the 145th General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6342, I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2010 Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware. The plan I present today totals \$344.0 million and targets funds to support projects of the highest priority, as well as support the ongoing maintenance required to protect many of our state's assets. This plan is comprised of \$158.9 million of state capital projects and \$185.1 million for capital projects of the Department of Transportation.

The impact of the current economic downturn on the State of Delaware has been severe, and the effective allocation of limited capital funding will present significant challenges in the coming years. It will be important for the state to complete ongoing projects, prudently pursue economic development investments, honor its commitment to local school district construction and initiate only those projects that are absolutely essential. The plan presented today provides the first step in this direction. By continuing to pursue this prudent strategy in future years, the state will be well positioned to emerge economically vibrant and fiscally sound with a continued commitment toward improving the quality of life for all Delawareans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Ann Minner".

Ruth Ann Minner
Governor