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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Engineers have an obligation first and foremost to protect the health and safety of the public.

The recent action by PennDOT Secretary Barry Schoch, who is a professional engineer, to place restrictions on bridges in need of repair throughout the state is consistent with that obligation. It also reflects the deteriorating state of infrastructure throughout our country.

To suggest that Secretary Schoch's action was motivated by anything other than sound engineering judgment, insults the integrity of engineering professionals who work diligently to safeguard the public every day.

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