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Mr. Robert Dennison, P. E.
NYSDOT Chief Engineer
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Dear Mr. Dennison:

We have reviewed the proposed Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Lake Champlain Bridge project that you sent via email yesterday evening. We have a significant issue with the PLA, which precludes me from signing any amendment to the currently approved and advertised project's PS&E if it includes the PLA.

Our concern focuses on one primary reason: The unionized labor provisions in the agreement essentially preclude every Vermont-based contractor in Vermont from participating as the General Contractor or Subcontractor on the project without overhauling their entire workforce and seeking employee approval through an obviously onerous process. Any PLA included in the project with our concurrence must have significant changes to any unionized labor provisions to make them fair and unburdensome to Vermont-based contractors and subcontractors.

I appreciate the time and effort you put into trying to negotiate a PLA agreeable to all parties. The bottom line, however, is that Vermont finds the proposed PLA unacceptable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Tetreault". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Tetreault" clearly visible.

Richard M. Tetreault, P.E.
Director of Program Development – Chief Engineer

cc: Ernie Blais, FHWA, Vermont Division
David C. Dill, Secretary of Transportation

