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## **Tedesco Optimistic About Port Authority After Degnan Testimony**

(Hackensack)- Last week, Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco spoke before the New Jersey Senate Legislative Oversight Committee about the Port Authority, calling for continued reforms of the agency, a return to its core mission, and the inclusion of the midtown bus terminal project in its master plan. Tedesco released the following statement about Wednesday's testimony from Port Authority Chairman John Degnan before the same committee.

“While I was disappointed that the Port Authority’s initial capital plan did not include the new midtown bus terminal project, it is great news that the chairman expects its inclusion in the amended capital plan. I also commend the chairman for agreeing that the Port Authority must divest itself of assets that do not support the agency’s core mission or contribute to its long-term financial health.

On behalf of nearly one million Bergen County residents, many of whom rely upon the Port Authority for daily commutes and other travel, I want to thank Chairman Degnan for addressing many of our priorities and concerns in his testimony. I am pleased to hear about the reforms already underway at the agency and look forward to continued efforts to make the agency more transparent and responsive to the needs of the traveling public and those who fund its operations.”

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