

## Guest Column: Despite Bridgegate, politicians still need to keep their eyes on the road



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The email message, "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee," and the responding email, "Got it," are at the heart of the scandal now known as "Bridgegate."

As the scandal continues to grow, we risk getting caught in a traffic jam of politics and government. We need to keep our lanes open to the everyday traffic of commuters, ambulances, school buses and the business of government.

The governor and the Legislature have started the traditional rituals of the governmental season with the governor's State of the State message and budget message. These two events, particularly the latter, outline the governor's policy and budget priorities.

This year, with his inaugural address, Gov. Chris Christie claimed a mandate when he said, "It was

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