



January 12, 2009

The Honorable Mary E. Peters
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
W90-304
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Peters:

On behalf of the Board of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) and its members, I write to thank you for your leadership in securing federal approval of the Full Funding Grant Agreement for Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and for forwarding it to Congress for its 60-day review period.

We appreciate your willingness to become personally involved in the project and to work with Governor Kaine and his staff to address concerns raised in early 2008 to ensure that the project is financially sound and well managed.

It has taken more than a decade of hard work by all the stakeholders. The DCRA Board has thought that there was no transportation project more important to the nation than the Dulles Metrorail extension linking our international airport, Washington Dulles International Airport, to the National Capital, and serving a number of major activity centers with thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of residents and employees, not to mention millions of visitors to Washington, DC.

This is a proud legacy for the Bush Administration. It reflects the strong commitment of the Northern Virginia congressional delegation, in particular, Congressman Frank Wolf and retired Senator John Warner and Representative Tom Davis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Nicoson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "N".

Patricia Nicoson
President