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The Honorable Timothy Kaine
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Kaine:

On behalf of the Board and members of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association, I write to thank you for your steadfast commitment and strong support of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

We recognize that your personal involvement and that of your Policy Director, Barbara Reese, was crucial in turning around the Bush Administration's position on the Dulles Metrorail project. As a result of your efforts working closely with Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters, Phase 1 of the rail project was able to move into Final Design last May and on January 7, 2009, to receive the approval of the U. S. Department of Transportation for a Full Funding Grant Agreement committing federal funds to the project.

Since you were Lieutenant Governor, you have taken an active interest in this project. We believe, as you do, that this rail project linking Washington Dulles International Airport to the Nation's Capital is of national importance. It also provides transit access to the first and second largest concentration of jobs in Virginia, Tysons Corner and the Reston/Herndon area, making it vitally important to the Commonwealth, as well as the region.

We also applaud the leadership of the Northern Virginia Congressional delegation, and the work of the project stakeholders: the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Fairfax County, and Dulles Transit Partners, that helped produce this positive outcome.

We and our partners in the business community who worked so hard to build and maintain community and political support are looking forward to celebrating the beginning of construction with you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Nicoson
President