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July 27, 2009

The Honorable Gerald Connolly,
The Honorable James Moran, and
The Honorable Frank Wolf

Dear Congressmen,

On June 25, 2009, the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations adopted the attached resolution supporting H.R. 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension Act of 2009.

In addition to supporting H.R. 1635, the resolution also recommends a comprehensive analysis of multimodal transportation systems and methods that reduce the need for commuting to identify the most cost-effective combination of methods and associated funding.

This resolution will be further considered by the full Federation membership at our next membership meeting in September. Given that timing, the Federation Board determined to distribute this resolution, as approved by the Board, immediately to the Congressmen representing Fairfax County and to other elected officials.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Esther Ferington
Corresponding Secretary, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

cc:

The Honorable Mark Warner, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Jim Webb, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Sharon Bulova, Chair, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable John Cook, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable John Foust, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Michael Frey, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Penelope Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Pat Herrity, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Cathy Hudgins, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Jeff McKay, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Linda Smyth, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey Parnes, President, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

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Resolution

Metrorail and its Alternatives

Background

Congress is considering H.R. 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension Act of 2009, which calls for the extension of the Northern Virginia Metrorail.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Fairfax County's quality of life and economic prosperity are seriously impacted by traffic congestion and its attendant air pollution and energy consumption;

WHEREAS, traffic congestion can be reduced by expanding Metrorail in Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, Interstate 66, Interstate 95, the Dulles Toll Road, the Capital Beltway, and Richmond Highway are highly congested on a daily basis, soon to be exacerbated by BRAC, yet parallel potential mass-transit corridors;

WHEREAS, initial and long-term financing of transportation systems can be economically carried by the beneficiaries in proportion to their benefits;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations supports H.R. 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension Act of 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations recommends that a comprehensive analysis of multimodal transportation systems and methods that reduce the need for commuting be undertaken to identify the most cost-effective combination of methods and the associated funding.

Approved at the Federation Board meeting on June 25, 2009.