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Governor Robert F. McDonnell  
Office of the Governor  
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

The Committee for Dulles is a dynamic community of business leaders, policy makers and community dedicated individuals. Founded in 1966, the Committee plays a pivotal role in making Dulles the premier air travel service provider for the national capital region and an economic feeder for the business community that surrounds it. The Committee for Dulles is dedicated to achieving the full potential of Washington Dulles International Airport and the economic growth of its region.

One of the key focus points for the Committee for Dulles is and has been transportation access to Dulles Airport for passengers and freight. Washington Dulles International Airport is widely acknowledged to be a major economic engine for the Commonwealth and northern Virginia, in particular the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. The Committee for Dulles applauds your initiative to find a way to fund transportation maintenance and new construction through a fiscal resource with growth potential.

While the current level of funding from the gas tax is not sufficient to provide Virginians adequate levels of maintenance and new construction, it is a revenue source that has a nexus in use and captures those out-of-state drivers using Virginia roads and refueling within the Commonwealth. The Committee for Dulles urges that this existing revenue source be maintained as part of a combination of revenue sources potentially including your sales and use tax.

The Committee for Dulles supports your initiative in order to bring a resolution to the Commonwealth transportation funding needs. We urge you and the General Assembly to insure that adequate and long term solutions be identified for both maintenance and new construction for roads, and new transit projects.

Respectfully,

Anita Grazer  
President