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The Honorable Don Scott
Speaker, Virginia House of Delegates
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Northern Virginia Business Community Transportation Representative

Dear Speaker Scott:

As representatives of the vast majority of private and nonprofit employers across Northern Virginia, we are writing to share our endorsement of Jason Stanford, president of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, to serve as the Northern Virginia business community representative on the technical working group of the Joint Subcommittee to study Northern Virginia Transit Systems as established by Senator Adam Ebbin's Senate Joint Resolution 28.

The Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance is a nonprofit organization founded by the Northern Virginia business community to focus solely on improving transportation in our region. The Alliance's fact-based approach has been instrumental to the expansion of our community's multimodal transportation network. The Alliance also organizes a Coalition of more than 20 business and community organizations across Northern Virginia including every major Chamber of Commerce around transportation issues. (Attached is a copy of the Coalition's most recent Transportation Priorities statement.)

As the Alliance's president, Mr. Stanford has demonstrated a comprehensive, in-depth knowledge of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Virginia Railway Express (VRE), and local transit systems across Northern Virginia. He has also provided extensive data and analysis to local officials and members of the General Assembly including the Northern Virginia Caucus. In fact, Mr. Stanford's expertise contributed to the final language of Senate Joint Resolution 28, which expanded the scope of the study.

Mr. Stanford is also well versed on the DC region's long range transportation plans including the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's TransAction plan and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's Visualize 2045 plan. As a member of the Joint Subcommittee's technical working group, Mr. Stanford would bring an unparalleled depth of knowledge to the position, while also representing the Northern Virginia business community's desire for greater innovation and private sector expertise.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you appoint Mr. Stanford as the business community representative to the Joint Subcommittee's technical working group as outlined in Senate Joint Resolution 28.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

