



April 28, 2021

The Honorable Don Beyer  
United States House of Representatives  
1119 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Beyer,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWAA) submission of community funding projects for consideration and inclusion in the Transportation Housing and Urban Development FY 2022 Appropriations. MWAA's facilities, Washington Ronald Reagan National and Dulles International Airports, contribute greatly to our region's economic vitality. Our airports' strength will be vital to the recovery of Arlington and Northern Virginia's hospitality industry, and MWAA has been a long-time partner in supporting local economic development and a member of the Chamber for more than 35 years.

MWAA has established sustainability as a key priority to ensure environmental stewardship and good business practices. To help advance that priority, MWAA has proposed two environmental stewardship initiative projects for consideration. Along with their environmental stewardship, these projects are expected to support job creation in the National Capital Region.

The first project will aid in establishing a fleet of electric multi-purpose vehicles. Community Project Request funding will enable the purchase of one mobile power station, one attachment (such as a backhoe), and supporting electrical charging infrastructure. These vehicles are capable of performing routine maintenance typically performed by diesel machines, enabling MWAA to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and achieve sustainability goals.

The second project proposed is the purchase of one electric bus and supporting charging infrastructure. MWAA is seeking to replace its aging and costly diesel shuttle fleet with electric buses. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 129 metric tons, and diesel fuel consumption by 9,000-11,000 gallons annually for an expected 15-year life span.

We thank you for your consideration of these projects, and we encourage a favorable response to MWAA's requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Bates  
President & CEO