



May 27, 2021

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kaine,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWAA) submission of Congressionally Directed Spending requests 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. Funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending request 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 installation of 500-kilowatt solar power rooftop panels on two cargo facilities at Washington Dulles International Airport. The use of solar panels to produce sustainable energy will reduce carbon emissions and help MWAA attain its long-term environmental sustainability goals.

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