



February 22, 2023

Mr. Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535-0002

The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
100 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Director Wray and Administrator Carnahan,

On behalf of the undersigned Chambers of Commerce and business associations, we believe that our region is the optimal location for the new headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

As business organizations across Northern Virginia, we work to create a region that promotes growth and prosperity for all Virginians. We have unique insight into factors that make the region a great place for business, government, academia, and the non-profit sector. The recent relocation of several large organizations to the region including global brands such as Amazon, Nestle and CapitalOne show that the region has much to offer to large employers.

Collectively our members are committed to partnering with the federal government to ensure the continued success of the United States is maintained. In addition to advancing the federal mission, the priorities we advocate for on transportation, education, healthcare, workforce development and community safety create a desirable location for federal employees to live, work and play.

The Springfield, Virginia site is uniquely situated among several of the region's transit hubs. The location has easy access to WMATA metro and bus service, VRE, and the Fairfax Connector bus system. In addition to public transit, it is connected to several federal, state, and local transportation networks including I-395, I-495, I-95 and I-66. These roadways offer FBI employees access to nearly 90-miles of express lanes, including free carpooling, commuter buses and toll



options. These lanes also provide access to Northern Virginia's innovative Commuter Choice program, which benefits the region by reinvesting toll revenues in expanding and improving regional transportation projects.

In addition to the Fairfax Connector bus service being one of the best systems in the country, it is the largest bus system in the state and has been a top priority of local leaders for decades. Currently it operates 20 routes from the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station, only a 10-minute walk from the proposed Springfield FBI site.

In addition, Virginia has pledged more than \$15 billion for infrastructure improvements in the area, enabling easier, more regular transit options and better accessibility for residents and commuters. The Springfield location is also the only location under consideration that is currently owned by GSA, offering significant fiscal benefits to the FBI and saving millions of dollars for taxpayers and the U.S. Government.

While the relocation of the FBI needs to consider the benefits of local and regional transportation networks to create a work-life balance for federal employees, we know the work of the Bureau is nationwide. What makes Northern Virginia unique in your consideration is our access to Amtrak and two major commercial airports - Ronald Reagan National, a 20-minute drive away, and Dulles International, a 30-minute drive away - which provides the FBI with unparalleled access to cross country or international travel, at a moment's notice.

Northern Virginia is and will continue to be a national leader in several industries that are critical to the success of the Bureau, including cybersecurity, information technology, and national security. Locating in Northern Virginia would place the Bureau in the center of a workforce pipeline with skills directly related to the Bureau's mission.

Northern Virginia's education programs are first class. The Virginia Tech Innovation Campus and Northern Virginia Community College provide award winning programs in information technology and cyber security programs. These institutions have demonstrated a commitment to workforce development in our region that has spanned numerous Gubernatorial Administrations. Furthermore, George Mason University's Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security is already producing a workforce uniquely qualified for



the needs of the FBI. In addition, Northern Virginia is home to a significant veteran community who are equipped with vast experience in law enforcement, cybersecurity, and other technology qualifications.

We have been successful as a region in attracting and supporting large-scale projects due to the commitment of our state and local governments. Northern Virginia citizens pride themselves on our region's ability to move forward quickly, efficiently, and successfully in these efforts.

For these reasons above, our business organizations strongly believe the ideal home for the new FBI headquarters is in Springfield, Virginia. Our community, businesses and state and local governments are ready to make this process as seamless and efficient as possible for the General Services Administration. We look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Coons".

Julie Coons, President & CEO
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce



Joseph Haggerty, President & CEO
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce



Kate Bates, President & CEO
Arlington Chamber of Commerce



Patrick Dean, President
Associated Builders and Contractors - Virginia Chapter



Doug Pickford, President/CEO
Dulles Area Transportation Association





Melissa McKenna, President & CEO
Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce



Debora Harvey, Executive Director
Heavy Construction Contractors Association



Tony Howard, President & CEO
Loudoun Chamber of Commerce



Holly Hicks Dougherty, President
Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce



Martha D. Marks, President
NAIOP Northern Virginia, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association

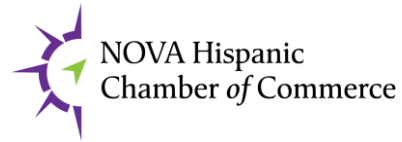


Ryan McLaughlin, CEO
Northern Virginia Association of Realtors





Susana Marino, President & Chair
Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



Robert W. Lazaro, Jr., Executive Director
Northern Virginia Regional Commission



Jennifer Taylor, President and CEO
Northern Virginia Technology Council



Jason Stanford, President
Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance



Robert Sweeney, President & CEO
Prince William Chamber of Commerce



Charles A. Kapur, President & CEO
Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce



Gordon Dixon, EVP
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance



Keith W. Meurlin, President
Washington Airports Task Force



CC:
Aaron Hassinger
Project Executive
U.S. General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405