



July 7th, 2011

Secretary Sean Connaughton
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA, 23218

RE: 2011-2016 Six-Year Improvement Plan / Charlottesville Bypass

Dear Secretary Connaughton,

We are writing today with great concern regarding the Charlottesville Bypass funding. Considering that the project will require funds for the remaining and more expensive properties and that the project northern entry has been overshadowed by additional lighted entrances to Route 29, we believe that funding for this project places other more practical projects in jeopardy.

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce represents approximately 500 businesses with approximately 8,000 employees. Our mission is to be the voice of the business community working to promote, build, and support the most effective climate for economic development. We believe that transportation is vital to providing a successful business climate in Culpeper as well as for the Commonwealth of Virginia. We look forward to working with you to find the best solutions for the important Route 29 Corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards

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President / CEO
Culpeper Chamber of Commerce

cc: The Honorable Senator Edd Houck
The Honorable Delegate Ed Scott
Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board
Mr. James Utterback, VDOT Culpeper District Administrator
Mr. Frank Bossio, Culpeper County Administrator
Culpeper Chamber of Commerce, 2011 Board of Directors