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The Honorable Sean T. Connaughton
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Secretary Connaughton,

Recently the City of Chesapeake's General Assembly Delegation met to discuss its legislative priorities. During this annual meeting, City staff provided a detailed update on US RT 17/Dominion Boulevard. Upon learning of the road's critical safety deficiencies, and at Mayor's Krasnoff's suggestion, we agreed as a delegation to send you this letter of support for the project and the Commonwealth's funding for it. Needless to say, there are many unfunded priority projects in the region; however, Dominion Boulevard is by far the most advanced. In further demonstration of its significance, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization engaged in an evaluation process of some 150 projects. **Dominion Boulevard was ranked among the top three overall and highest rated in the category considering safety, congestion, and project utility.**

We fully support the project and its goals, particularly recognizing the safety, economic and environmental benefits arising from including the enhancement of port traffic and commerce.

Sincerely,

Harry B. Blevins
Member, Virginia Senate

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Member, Virginia Senate

Yvonne B. Miller
Member, Virginia Senate

Frederick M. Quayle
Member, Virginia Senate

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Member, Virginia House of Delegates

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This policy extends to all programs and services supported by the City."*

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c: The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, Governor
The Honorable Alan P. Krasnoff, Mayor and Members of City Council
Gregory A. Whirley, VDOT Commissioner
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