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The Honorable Francis C. Jones
Chairman, Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission
14700 Potomac Mills Road
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Dear Chairman Jones:

Governor Kaine has asked me to thank you for and respond to your letter regarding funding needs of transportation in Virginia. The Governor and I appreciate your ideas and concerns for transportation funding.

Having a safe, well-maintained highway system impacts not only individual citizens but the companies that drive our economic well-being. Last year, Governor Kaine worked with the General Assembly on HB 3202 to address transit, rail, and highway needs. While HB 3202 sought to increase funding to highway maintenance, increasing prices and the repeal of the abusive driver fees have negated our efforts. Coupled with the Supreme Court's ruling nullifying the regional taxing plans that last year's legislation put in place, we are once again faced with the challenge of adequately funding transportation.

In the upcoming weeks, we will work with Virginia legislators, local officials, and other stakeholders to seek a funding solution for transportation in preparation for a special session to address this urgent issue. Thank you again for writing Governor Kaine

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pierce R. Homer".

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