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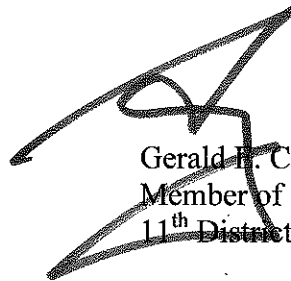
December 10, 2009

The Honorable Michael May
Chairman
Potomac and Rappahannock Commission
14700 Potomac Mills Rd
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Dear Chairman May,

Thank you for writing with respect to PRTC's legislative agenda. I strongly support reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, which will be entitled the Surface Transportation Authorization Act (STAA). Further delay of this important legislation will impede our region's ability to offer commuters better transportation facilities and more transportation choices. The STAA will be particularly valuable because it eliminates numerous programs and requirements that have obstructed delivery of transportation projects in the past, including duplicative permitting requirements for transit projects. I appreciate your suggestion to seek \$29 million for a new maintenance facility and replacement of 38 commuter buses, and look forward to working with you and the regional delegation to incorporate this earmark in the legislation. Thank you again for writing, and for the Commission's work to protect and improve Northern Virginians' quality of life.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia

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