

Virginians For High Speed Rail



July 16, 2007

The Honorable Eric I. Cantor
Congressman, Commonwealth of Virginia
House of Representatives
329 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cantor:

It is with great pleasure, that I am proud to announce that Virginians for High Speed Rail enthusiastically supports your legislation, H.R. 2116, the Freight Rail Infrastructure Capacity Expansion Act of 2007. After a strong debate, our Board of Directors voted unanimously to support you and this legislation.

We believe that this legislation will assist Virginia in easing the congestion that clogs our roads. One freight train equals 85 tractor-trailers and gets nearly 50% more miles per gallon. Those are facts that make a difference.

Virginians for High Speed Rail would like you to add a small technical amendment to this legislation. I have enclosed a copy of it along with this letter.

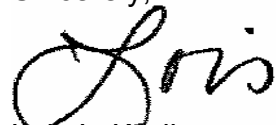
I want to thank you for taking a leadership role on the rail issue in Virginia. Rail needs a champion in Virginia and I believe that you can be that person. Thank you for including Virginians for High Speed Rail in your discussion on this legislation.

I look forward to working together to bring better freight and passenger rail to Virginia.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our executive director, Daniel Plaughner at 804-864-5193.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,



Lois L. Walker
President, Board of Directors
Virginians for High Speed Rail

H.R. 2116 Technical Amendment

"Any taxpayer claiming a credit under this section, who is party to an existing operating agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("NRPC"), shall affirm its existing obligations to NRPC under such contract, or contracts, and shall certify that it will not deny NRPC access to, or use of, infrastructure enhancements which are suitable for NRPC use, pursuant to the terms and **conditions** of existing NRPC contracts with taxpayer, notwithstanding that such infrastructure was not in place on May 1, 1971, or such later date as taxpayer's contract with NRPC became effective."