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Ms. Nancy Finch  
Executive Director  
Virginians for High Speed Rail  
5101 Monument Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23230-3620

Dear Ms. Finch:

Thank you for your letter highlighting rail issues in Virginia and at the federal level.

As you know, I agree that the funding needs for rail are significant and important as part of the transportation funding discussion in Virginia.

The Commonwealth supports federal initiatives to fund intercity passenger rail. At the state level, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation continues to follow federal rail funding issues and is an active participant in the national States for Passenger Rail organization. At the same time, my staff is participating at the federal level and working with the Virginia Congressional delegation to voice Virginia's support for intercity passenger rail funding.

Thank you again for your letter. I appreciate your organization's continuing support of passenger and freight rail improvements in Virginia.

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Kaine

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c: The Honorable Pierce R. Homer, Secretary of Transportation