High Speed Rail Petition

To *Governor Timothy Kaine, members of Virginia's General Assembly, and members of Virginia's congressional delegation*,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, who are citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, request of our elected officials, the creation of a fully developed and integrated rail system. A system, which promotes rail as a means to relieve the congestion on our roads, advances our national security infrastructure, supports our environment, encourages economic development, and decreases our oil dependency.

WHEREAS, automobiles use up to **27% more energy** per passenger mile than Amtrak, and a tractor-trailer uses up to **300% more energy** than a freight train.

WHEREAS, it takes **62% less** land to build a railroad track than a highway lane per mile

WHEREAS, Virginia's current rail funding of $23 to $36 million annually is woefully inadequate.

WHEREAS, public support for additional capacity on the Washington, DC and Richmond, VA rail corridor (i.e. the third track); the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor; the TransDominion Express; Charlottesville, VA to Washington, DC; and the Hampton Roads to Richmond rail corridors is at unprecedented levels.

WHEREAS, we need strong leadership from our elected officials on the rail issue

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our request that the duly elected officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia, create, fund, and maintain a fully developed and integrated rail system.

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