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The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Patrick Henry Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Subject: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Response to Tropical Storm Lee and the September 8, 2011, Flood

Dear Governor McDonnell:

On behalf of Fairfax County and the Board of Supervisors, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the Virginia Department of Transportation's response to the flood of September 8, 2011, caused by the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee. The sudden loss of life is extremely sorrowful and destruction to our infrastructure is unfortunate. The Department's immediate repair of damaged roadways, including construction of temporary bridge structures, has been outstanding and truly commendable.

Unfortunately, nearly three weeks later at least nine critically important roads remain closed. Several of these roads carry more than 6,000 vehicles per day and require detouring eight miles around the closure. We recognize that this was an exceptional event that has overwhelmed the Department's resources. The County respectfully requests the Commonwealth provide financial assistance to the maximum extent possible, and to ease and streamline regulations that will assist the Department in completing its reconstruction efforts in the most expedient manner.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Eric Teitelman with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at (703) 877-5717. Thank you again, for your time and assistance on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova  
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cc: Members, Board of Supervisors  
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