

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Governor McDonnell:

We write today to request that any uncommitted funds identified by the recent Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) audit be allocated for urgently needed and thoroughly justified transportation infrastructure improvement projects associated with Virginia's Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) activity.

As you are aware, many communities in Virginia will face transportation, education, and health services challenges once the BRAC relocations are completed in September 2011. The new VDOT audit suggests there are opportunities for the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to fund transportation infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of Department of Defense (DOD) installations that will be severely affected by BRAC.

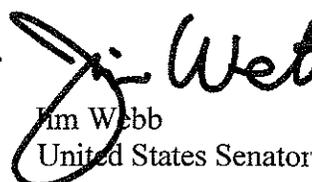
A prime example of the need for this action is at Fort Belvoir, where transportation challenges are particularly acute. The installation will gain approximately 22,000 new personnel spread across three distinct locations: the Mark Center (in Alexandria), the Engineering Proving Ground, and the Main Post. Although VDOT and the federal government have allocated resources to improve Fort Belvoir's surrounding transportation infrastructure, several studies document that more funding is necessary to prevent unacceptable congestion. Specifically, improving access from I-395 to the Mark Center, the widening of U.S. Route 1 near the Main Post, and completing improvements to the interchange between Kingman Road and the Fairfax County Parkway are all needed to avoid major delays resulting from the installation's major population growth.

We have a large number of unfunded infrastructure requirements across Virginia, and BRAC-related challenges are some of the most pressing. We believe using VDOT funds to improve access to BRAC-affected military installations in the Commonwealth would not only greatly alleviate anticipated congestion but also enhance economic development and demonstrate the state's willingness to remain a strong partner in our nation's defense.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address the many challenges facing the Commonwealth in achieving its transportation-improvement requirements.

Sincerely,

  
James P. Moran  
U.S. Representative

  
Jim Webb  
United States Senator

  
Mark Warner  
United States Senator

  
Gerald E. Connolly  
U.S. Representative