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Mr. Michael Curto, Chairman Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority 1 Aviation Circle Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Curto: Michael.

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request that the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) continue to work with Fairfax County and the other funding partners to identify additional revenue sources to fund the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and reduce the impact of future toll increases on Dulles Toll Road users.

In March, Fairfax County hosted a series of public information sessions and the Board of Supervisors' held a public hearing to inform the public and receive comments on Dulles Rail Phase 2 cost, financing, and physical layout. While the majority of the public indicated their support for Phase 2, many commenters expressed concern about future toll rate increases and the impact the rate increases will have on commuters, local traffic, and the business community in the Dulles Corridor.

Funding ideas presented by members of the public include, a surcharge on airport parking; a fare surcharge for Metrorail passengers entering and exiting the system at the future Dulles Airport station; tolling users of the Dulles Airport Access Highway; and fees for future business activity or development on airport property.

While commuters on the Dulles Toll Road will benefit from the extension of Metrorail in the Dulles Corridor, passengers, employees, businesses, and airlines at Dulles Airport also will benefit from increased access and added travel options to the facility.

The County stands ready to work with MWAA to identify all possible funding sources to help reduce the level of future toll rate increases to travel on the Dulles Toll Road.

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Thank you for your consideration and for your efforts to move Dulles Rail forward.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova Chairman

cc: Board of Supervisors

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