



February 1, 2010

House Transportation Subcommittee
Virginia General Assembly

Dear Members:

Please vote to support House Bill 277.

The Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce supports HB 277 because it provides a much-needed impetus for the creation of a Western Bypass in the Northern Virginia region, by directing the Commonwealth Transportation Board to take necessary steps to designate it.

The Western Bypass would be a limited access, multi-modal facility. Its benefits include relieving congestion on I-95, connecting jurisdictions where much of Northern Virginia's future population and job growth will occur, and providing a critical link for Washington Dulles International Airport to I-95 and much of Virginia.

The Region's Chamber believes the Western Bypass is an important transportation solution for Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

State and regional studies over the past 60 years have well documented its purpose and need.

Please vote to support HB 277. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the Board

Laurie C. Wieder
President