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66 Alliance Members -- We are gaining some traction in our recent efforts and starting to show some results:

- **Upcoming Meeting with Senator Dave Marsden (D-Fairfax)** -- Senator Marsden, who represents an odd-shaped [district](#) in Fairfax County that runs from Gainesville to Springfield, has offered the Alliance a meeting on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 9 a.m. in Fairfax (close to corner of Braddock and Rolling Roads). Please check to see if you live in Senator Marsden's district and, if you do, check your calendar to see if you can join the meeting. Senator Marsden was somewhat helpful earlier this year in Richmond, but we could really use him as an active ally -- and hearing from residents and voters in his district will help move him from passive to active. Please let me know by return e-mail if you can make this meeting.
- **General Assembly Staff Briefing** -- The staffs of Delegates Murphy (D-Fairfax/Loudoun) and Simon (D-Falls Church) have offered to host a briefing for interested General Assembly staff on the CFV issue at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in Delegate Simon's "day job" office in McLean. I hope to get a bi-partisan and bicameral group of staff to this briefing and perhaps join others in by conference call if we can set it up. This could be a great chance to recruit multiple champions in the House of Delegates and Senate to our cause. Due to meeting room constraints, I don't think we need (or can fit) a bunch of 66 Alliance members there. But if you think you can attend, please let me know -- I think it would be great to have a cross-section of members from different counties there to drive home the fact that we are from diverse areas.
- **Meeting with Senator Black (R-Fairfax/Prince William)** -- Alliance member and Fairfax County resident Mac Hadow and I had a great meeting with Senator Black last week. Besides solving the world's other thorny problems we discussed the CFV program and the concerns of his constituents with VDOT's plans to kill it. Senator Black offered to help, and even to lead a bi-partisan letter to Governor McAuliffe on the

subject. We agree to keep in touch as we gain momentum with our efforts. He was even gracious enough to take a picture with Mac and me (Mac is the handsome one on the left!).



- **Car Door Magnets, Bumper Stickers and "Calling Cards"** -- Our second order of car door magnets, bumper stickers and business cards have come in and been sent out to Alliance members who have volunteered to have their CFVs be "rolling billboards" to spread the Alliance message. Many thanks to those who have stepped up -- I've got a few more of each if anyone else is interested.
- **Great Hits on Reps. Wittman and Hurt** -- Big thanks to those residents of the Virginia 1st and 5th congressional districts for contacts the staff of Reps. Wittman and Hurt last week. The staffers didn't exactly yell "uncle," but they did contact me to say that they are convinced that there is widespread support for CFVs in their bosses' districts and they will do what they can to help. Thanks for "backing my play," Alliance members, and showing we can activate the grassroots support for our cause when called!
- **Coalition-Building** -- I spent part of last week talking with folks at GM, Honda, Toyota and VW about supporting the Alliance's CFV efforts, as well as staff at the Global Automakers (generally the auto manufacturers headquartered in the Far East and Europe) and the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (generally domestic car makers with some

foreign members), and the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association. All are interested and could form the basis of a powerful political coalition, when combined with the Alliance's grassroots network, to push back against VDOT and the tolling interests now and in the future. None have formally signed up to join the cause yet, but I am cautiously optimistic.

Stay tuned for further reports on broadening our political base and enhancing our political muscle.

- **Give if You Can** -- Ordering the second batch of car door magnets has drained the Alliance's piggy bank. Please consider making a contribution to the Alliance today -- the magnets, bumper stickers and other expenses of keeping the Alliance going and growing our membership all cost money! Please go to www.66alliance.org/support-66-alliance/ today to make a contribution via PayPal.

Many thanks to all who have stepped up in various ways to help the Alliance's efforts! Happy Dad's Day to all and have a great week! Greg

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