

THE 66 ALLIANCE

PRESS RELEASE



66 ALLIANCE APPLAUDS DELEGATES’ BI-PARTISAN LETTER TO GOVERNOR TO SAVE THE I-66 CFV PROGRAM

Contact: Greg Scott
202-297-5123
gscott@66alliance.org
www.66alliance.org

66 Alliance Urges VDOT to “Come Clean” on its Plan to Kill the I-66 Clean Fuel Vehicle Program – It Is All About the Money

September 19, 2016, Northern Virginia – The 66 Alliance – a grassroots advocacy group of over 1,000 Northern Virginians who regularly commute on I-66 – today commended a bi-partisan group of Virginia House of Delegate members for their bi-partisan letter to Governor McAuliffe urging him to save the I-66 Clean Fuel Program. In addition, the 66 Alliance called on VDOT to “come clean” with respect to its long-time and continued opposition to the CFV program on all Northern Virginia highways.

“A large, bi-partisan portion of the Northern Virginia delegation to the House of Delegates united though this letter behind the preservation of the I-66 CFV program inside the Beltway – which VDOT intends to kill early in 2017,” stated Greg Scott, founder of the 66 Alliance and a regular 66 commuter. “And they called on the governor to ‘update’ the CFV program for all Northern Virginia interstates, not just I-66, to promote ‘next generation’ CFVs such as all-electrics and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.”

“Last year, VDOT said it had to kill the I-66 CFV program because of federal law -- then it backtracked on that claim when the federal law was changed late in 2015,” continued Scott. “Then VDOT said that keeping the CFV program in I-66 inside the Beltway would bust its budget – then retracted that claim when state legislators pointed out that there are ample funds in the state’s tolling trust fund to continue the I-66 CFV program inside the Beltway at least through 2020.”

“To VDOT, the CFV program is not about the environment or reduced CO2 and air pollution emissions, or promises made to commuters more than a decade ago, or upending the commutes of tens of thousands of Northern Virginians,” Scott remarked. “It only about the money – the toll money VDOT can generate from I-66 commuters.”

“Thankfully,” Scott concluded, “the General Assembly will have the final say on this matter early in 2017 and the 66 Alliance commends the bi-partisan group of legislators in the Senate and House who have stood up to VDOT’s intense lobbying on this topic to stake out a courageous and progressive position.”

###

www.66alliance.org

www.facebook.com/66alliance.