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66 ALLIANCE URGES SUSPENSION OF NEW I-66 TOLL PROGRAM

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Whether It Is “Toll-Gate” or “Aubrey’s Folly,” Something Is Deeply Wrong With VDOT’s New I-66 Toll Program

December 4, 2017, Northern Virginia – The 66 Alliance – a grassroots advocacy group of over 1,500 Northern Virginians who regularly commute on I-66 – today called for an immediate suspension of VDOT’s troubled I-66 tolling program, alleged that Northern Virginia commuters have been sold a bill of goods by Governor McAuliffe and VDOT Secretary Aubrey Layne, and asked the General Assembly to launch a bi-partisan and bi-cameral investigation of VDOT’s planning and spending with respect to the troubled I-66 toll project.

“For years, VDOT Secretary Layne and his subordinates have predicted that a round trip commute on I-66 between the Beltway and D.C. would cost approximately \$17 a day,” stated Greg Scott, founder of the 66 Alliance and a regular 66 commuter. “This morning, I personally paid \$21.00 at 9 a.m. to travel from 495 to the Roosevelt Bridge – and media reports state that the tolls went as high as \$34.00 – and that was only for a one-way commute!”

“Something is deeply wrong here, and this morning’s troubling events reflect poorly on Secretary Layne’s leadership at VDOT and his I-66 toll program,” Scott continued. “At the toll rates charged today, I alone would pay over \$10,000 in tolls annually to travel round trip between D.C. and the Beltway on I-66.”

“The 66 Alliance calls on VDOT to suspend the I-66 toll program immediately and for the Virginia General Assembly to investigate VDOT, Secretary Layne and the I-66 toll program before the program is permitted to be re-launched,” Scott stated. “Cost overruns, grossly underestimated program costs, and now gouging of taxpayers and commuters by unelected bureaucrats must not be permitted to become ‘business as usual’ in Virginia.”

“In the private sector, someone would lose his or her job based on VDOT’s current record with the I-66 toll program,” Scott predicted. “It remains to be seen what steps, if any, Virginia’s elected leadership – existing Governor Terry McAuliffe or Governor-Elect Ralph Northam – will take in response to this outrageous start to this controversial program.”

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