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## **PRESS RELEASE**



### **66 ALLIANCE OPPOSES VDOT PLAN TO “KILL” CLEAN FUEL VEHICLE PROGRAM ON I-66**

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#### **66 Alliance Calls on Governor McAuliffe and the General Assembly to Block VDOT’s Plan To Kill The Pro-Environment Clean Fuel Vehicle Program**

June 12, 2016, Northern Virginia – The 66 Alliance – a grassroots advocacy group of over 1,000 Northern Virginians who regularly commute on I-66 – today announced its opposition to VDOT’s plan to sunset the Clean Fuel Vehicle (CFV) program on I-66 on January 1, 2017 and called on Governor McAuliffe and the General Assembly to block VDOT’s anti-environment plan.

“As of the first of next year, Governor McAuliffe, VDOT and the Virginia General Assembly will break the promise it made to tens of thousands of Northern Virginia commuters over a decade ago,” stated Greg Scott, founder of the 66 Alliance and a daily 66 commuter. “We were promised that if we purchased a low emissions, fuel efficient Clean Fuel Vehicle to promote environmental protection and reduce our nation’s reliance on fossil fuels, we could travel by ourselves in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes of I-66 during rush hour.”

“VDOT plans to renege on that promise on January 1, 2017. Instead, VDOT will encourage the owner of a Cadillac Escalade, which gets 12 mpg, to pay a toll to drive by himself or herself on 66 inside the Beltway,” Scott continued. “At the same time, VDOT plans to ban the owner of a Toyota Prius, which gets over 50 mpg, or the owner of a Nissan Leaf, which uses no gasoline at all, from continuing to use 66 as he or she has for the last 20 years.”

“Governor McAuliffe has positioned himself politically as a friend of the environment and a supporter of transitioning Virginia to a clean energy economy,” stated Scott. “Given that there is bi-partisan support in the General Assembly to continue the Clean Fuel Vehicle program, VDOT’s current plan to kill the program is at odds with both the Governor’s public positions and the will of the General Assembly.”

“The 66 Alliance calls on Governor McAuliffe to step in and reverse VDOT’s anti-environment plan on behalf of the thousands of Northern Virginia who relied on the state’s promise to maintain the Clean Fuel Vehicle program on I-66.” Scott concluded. “And if Governor McAuliffe won’t stand up to the unelected bureaucrats at VDOT that put in motion this misguided decision, then the members of the 66 Alliance hope the elected legislators of the General Assembly will do so.”

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