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SORRY -- CORRECTION ON THE DATE OF THE SENATOR PETERSEN MEETING -- 7/29 -- I'VE FIRED THE ALLIANCE'S PROOFREADING DEPARTMENT!

Good morning, 66 Alliance Members! Please keep cool and be safe today and all this week!

Meeting with Senator Petersen (D-Fairfax City/Fairfax) -- Senator Chap Petersen, who has agreed to sign the joint Senate letter mentioned below, has agreed to meet with Alliance members in Fairfax City on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. (I'll buy the coffee or tea for any Alliance attendees!). If you live in Senator Petersen's district ([map](#)) and can stop by the meeting, even if only to say thanks to Senator Petersen, please let me know by return e-mail. It would be great to have a couple of constituents of his attend so he knows there are folks "at home" who care about the Alliance issues.

Bi-Partisan Senate Letter

We are making great progress on getting Senators to sign up for the joint bi-partisan letter to extend the CFV program past 1/1/17. The following Senators have agreed already to sign the letter: Favola, Black, Petersen, Surovell, Vogel, and Wexton. Many thanks to those who sent these Senators e-mails -- it shows that our grassroots network can move these politicians to support our goals!

Despite our success to date, we still have a half dozen Northern Virginia senators who have not agreed to sign -- yet. If you have not already sent an e-mail to one of the Senators below and you live or work in one of their districts, please do so today! I plan to wrap up the Senate letter this week and it would be great if we could get all six of these senators on board.

- **Target Legislators:**

- Senator Marsden (D-Fairfax) -- E-Mail Address: district37@senate.virginia.gov -- [Map](#) of Senate District 37;
- Senator Howell (D-Fairfax/Arlington) -- E-Mail Address: district32@senate.virginia.gov -- [Map](#) of Senate District 32;
- Senator Ebbin (D-Alexandria/Arlington) -- E-Mail Address: district30@senate.virginia.gov -- [Map](#) of Senate District 30;
- Senator Saslaw (D-Fairfax/Falls Church) -- E-Mail Address: district35@senate.virginia.gov -- [Map](#) of Senate District 35;
- Senator Barker (D-Fairfax/Prince William) -- E-Mail Address: district39@senate.virginia.gov -- [Map](#) of Senate District 39; and,
- Senator McPike (Manassas City/Prince William) -- E-Mail Address: district29@senate.virginia.gov -- [Map](#) of Senate District.

Please cut, paste, personalize and send a version of the following e-mail to one or more of these legislators if you live or work in their districts (check out the maps to make sure!):

"Dear Senator _____:

I am a member of the 66 Alliance, as well as a constituent and voter in your district. I strongly urge you to join with your General Assembly colleagues in writing Governor McAuliffe to urge him to extend the Clean Fuel Vehicle program on I-66 past the current sunset date of 1/1/17 and to work with the General Assembly in 2017 to review and perhaps renew the CFV program -- not just for 66, but for all of Northern Virginia. Senator Favola is leading this letter and I urge you to contact her about signing on. Your active support for such a letter would be greatly appreciated. In advance, thank you for your attention to this request.

Your Name and Address"

VDOT Counterpunch

Not surprisingly, VDOT has gotten word of our efforts and has launched a counter-attack. As with many political arguments made by unelected bureaucrats, VDOT's statements have just enough truth in them to cause legislators to pause and think -- and this pause is all VDOT needs to

convince them to stay out of the fight.

Simply stated, VDOT says it has "budgeted" the expected tolling revenue from CFVs inside the Beltway for 2017 and an extension of the 1/1/17 sunset would bust the budget and lead to important projects going unfunded.

Thanks to Delegates LeMunyon and Anderson (who, by the way, are great supporters of the Alliance's efforts!), we have demolished VDOT's argument and exposed them to legislators for not telling to "whole truth." -- something politicians don't appreciate at all!

In reality, tolling revenues across Virginia, including those planned for 66 inside the Beltway -- go into a trust fund that is "off-budget" and has a current balance of approximately \$150 million. So, any reduced tolling revenues from CFVs will reduce the balance of this trust fund, but VDOT will still receive all of its budgeted funds for its projects in 2017. In short, VDOT's argument is a classic political misdirection and we are pointing this out to undecided legislators and their staff.

House of Delegates Bi-Partisan Letter

Once we get the Senate letter finished this week, we'll turn our attention to the joint bi-partisan letter from members of the House of Delegates. We'll try to get that done by mid-August and hopefully have 20 to 25 Delegates from both parties sign that letter. Stay tuned for that, as I will be asking for grassroots e-mails from Alliance members to these Delegates to get them to sign on.

Thanks to Felix Tolosa, Sunday Williamson, Tim Lewis (again!) and James Mitchell (who actually has set up a monthly contribution via Paypal to the Alliance -- you rock, James!!) for making financial contributions to the Alliance over the past week. Your contributions keep the Alliance's "back office" humming along and help pay my out of pocket expenses as I head to Alliance meetings. If you want to support the Alliance financially, please go to our website (www.66alliance.org) and click on the "Support the Alliance" button.

Thanks to all for your efforts and support! We are making progress and your active involvement will help us to make more! Greg

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