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**Good morning, 66 Alliance Members!**

### **Bi-Partisan Joint Senate Letter -- Not So Fast, VDOT!**

VDOT started the week with a series of carefully scripted media [events](#) and interviews meant to highlight its plans for 66 inside the Beltway. Mid-week, VDOT started a furious lobbying campaign to try to keep Senators from signing onto Senator Favola's bi-partisan letter to Governor McAuliffe. And VDOT finished the week fending off media inquiries about why, if VDOT's plan for 66 is so great, 70% of the Northern Virginia Senators wrote the governor criticizing a major piece of the program?

Senator Favola's [letter](#) did get sent to the governor on Thursday, despite VDOT's direct lobbying of individual Senators, including Mrs. Favola. In the end, only Senator Surovell jumped ship, and then only reluctantly and stating that very few of his constituents use I-66 (true?). The rest of the signatories hung tough in the face of VDOT's efforts. If you have not done so, please send e-mails to the Senators who signed the letter thanking them for their support.

### **Next Up -- Joint, Bi-Partisan Letter from House of Delegates**

Let's not let up now -- next on our collective plates is a similar letter from the Virginia House of Delegates. Delegates Rich Anderson (R-Woodbridge) and Kathleen Murphy (D-Fairfax/Loudoun) have agreed to take the lead on this House letter. I have reached out directly on the Alliance's behalf to every Northern Virginia Delegates' office to ask them to sign this new letter.

Please take 10 minutes today to urge your Delegate to join Delegates Anderson and Murphy on the letter. To find out who your Delegate is and his or her e-mail address, click on the following link -- [Who's my legislator?](#) -- type in your home address and then click on your House of Delegates representative's e-mail icon. This should give result in an e-mail to your Delegate popping up and you can fill in some version of the following message:

"Subject: Opposition to Sunset of CFV Program on 66

Dear Delegate \_\_\_\_\_:

I am a commuter on I-66, as well as a voter and one of your constituents. I also am a member of the 66 Alliance. I strongly urge you to join with Delegates Anderson and Murphy in signing a letter to Governor McAuliffe that urges him to maintain the I-66 Clean Fuel Vehicle (CFV) program. A bi-partisan group of Senators recently urged the governor to take the same action, and it is now the turn of the Northern Virginia members of the House of Delegates to go on record with the governor on this important issue. In advance, thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely, (Your name and address)"

**Alliance Membership** -- I don't know if it is due to the bumper stickers, word of mouth, earned media or what, but we've experienced a significant jump in membership in the 66 Alliance over the past two weeks. I added over 75 members this morning, bringing our total membership to over 1,100 individuals! Please keep your car door signs and bumper stickers on your cars, and keep spreading the word to your neighbors and colleagues. The more members we have, the less chance there will be that Governor McAuliffe and VDOT can ignore us and the state legislators who are supporting our efforts.

Thanks to Robert Efrus and Bradley Green 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](http://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! Please send an e-mail to your Delegate today! Greg

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