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**Good evening, 66 Alliance Members!**

It took several weeks, but we finally got a [letter](#) signed by 12 members of the House of Delegates sent to Governor McAuliffe this week! Bi-partisan, regional, and strong! Great job to all the 66 Alliance members who helped get these Delegates to sign the letter. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!

Two additional notes: Delegate Bob Marshall is going to send a separate letter to the Governor supporting the Alliance's goals. He was reluctant to sign this letter because he thought it might appear that he is weakening his opposition to HOT lanes on 66. So, he is sending a separate letter -- I thanked him for his support, however he chooses to express it!

Also, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn is supportive of the CFV program on 66 (and is the owner of a CFV plate!), but is working hard on securing an exemption for Dulles airport users from the pending 66 inside the Beltway tolls. She called me and said she didn't want to spread herself too thin on 66 policy issues. We agreed that we would plan to work together on a legislative solution in 2017 if necessary, and I thanked her for her support.

### **Thank Our Champions!**

Delegate Rich Anderson and his lead staffer, Tommy Herbert, did an incredible job over the last month herding the "cats" from different parties and regions, negotiating suggested edits, and gathering the signatures for the letter. If you have time, please drop each of them a note just to say thanks! Their e-mail addresses are [delranderson@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delranderson@house.virginia.gov) and [tommy.delegateanderson@gmail.com](mailto:tommy.delegateanderson@gmail.com). Their hard work and dedication made this letter happen, and we need to thank our friends.

While you are at it, please thank any of the signatories that represent the where you live -- just send an e-mail to [del\(firstinitial\)\(lastname\)@house.virginia.gov](mailto:del(firstinitial)(lastname)@house.virginia.gov) and let them know you noticed they signed the letter and you appreciate their support. Remember, any lobbyist

that thinks he or she has "clout" is either foolish or delusional -- voters have clout, and these legislators will remember being thanked on this issue. So please take a few minutes to thank the signatories!

### Next Steps

As I said previous (but my day job keeps getting in the way), I'm going to focus next on securing joint letters from the auto manufacturers and, hopefully, the Virginia environmental groups, to Governor McAuliffe on the CFV issue. I'd also like to get one from the Northern Virginia congressional delegation and will try for that when Congress gets back from their August recess. The more groups we can add as additional voices to the Alliance's "noise" on the CFV issue, the more likely it will be that the governor will take action or the General Assembly will work on the issue in 2017.

### Supporting the Alliance

Please consider making a modest contribution to the Alliance this week. Your contributions keeps the Alliance's "back office" humming along, keeps our website and Facebook page running, and helps to offset some of my out of pocket expenses as I head to Alliance meetings. If you want to support the Alliance financially, please go to our [website](#) and click on the "Support the Alliance" button.

Thanks to all 66 Alliance members for their active involvement and efforts. Eventually, the Governor will be forced to deal with us! Greg