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The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce is a premier leader of economic development in Northern Virginia with a mission to make a positive impact on the growth and prosperity of the region. We write today in strong support of the northern extension of the 495 Express Lanes, the 495 NEXT project.

The 495 NEXT project makes vital improvements to the transportation network that will reduce congestion in the region by providing new travel choices, improve safety by reducing the number of crashes on I-495, and decrease cut-through traffic on local roads by increasing capacity on highway.

The project will also put people to work. The project is estimated to inject more than \$800 million in economic activity into the region and create more than 6,000 jobs. In these uncertain times, shovel ready projects are going to be critical to putting our economy back together.

495 NEXT will also help get the American Legion Bridge project completed. The American Legion Bridge project is the most important transportation project in the region. Once these two projects are completed, the full economic potential of this region can be fulfilled.

In order to maintain Northern Virginia's position as a premier business destination we must continue to invest in developing a 21st century transportation network, we ask that you support the 495 NEXT project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Kapur", written in a cursive style.

Charles A. Kapur
President & CEO
Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce