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RE: 495 Express Lanes Northern Extension Project

Dear Mr. Connors,

The extension of Express Lanes on the Capital Bank is a topic of significant interest to all businesses in the Metro DC area. The American Legion Bridge is a significant choke point that hinders the flow of commerce between Virginia, Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region. The multiple hours of congestion in this part of the Beltway prevents businesses, work teams, and individual employees from performing in a timely manner.

The Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce strongly endorses the proposal to extend the I-495 Express Lanes in this congested corridor. We urge VDOT to expeditiously move this process forward and give businesses and drivers a choice on how to navigate the traffic on the Capital Beltway. Extending the Express Lanes to Maryland will be an advantage for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and we look forward to being able to travel from Springfield to Maryland on the I-495 Express Lanes.

Sincerely,

Stanley Koussis
Chairman