



November 17, 2020

VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
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Fairfax, VA 22030

The Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce wishes to express support for the benefits that the 495 NEXT Project will bring to the greater Tysons Region.

The Tysons area is widely recognized as a national business growth hub. Last year it was reported that Fairfax County has 116 firms on Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing firms in the US and more than one-third of those in the D.C.-area total.

Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce strives to support the growth and viability of area businesses and non-profits. Our goal is to help our members "Make Connections that Matter". We know that the Tysons Region draws both commerce and employees from DC, Maryland and Virginia. Efficient, effective accessibility by both road and public transit supports our businesses, retail and community engagement. This project will help to alleviate congestion, improve safety and reliability at the multiple 495 interchanges that serve Tysons Corner.

The project itself will bring investment, jobs and additional opportunity to attract new businesses to the area with a modern roadway designed to support the substantial growth planned for Tysons.

Please support us with the infrastructure we need to continue the growth and prosperity of the dynamic Tysons Region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Andrew Clark".

Andrew Clark

Chairman, Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce