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The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell
Governor of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

I thank you for your letter of December 28 regarding the recently enacted federal legislation amending the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986. I also wish to thank you for having executed today the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relating to Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. The MOA provides a roadmap for the completion of this 23.5 mile rail project which I believe will bring untold benefits to Northern Virginia. Your representatives played a critical role in the negotiations leading up to the final agreement.

Your execution of the MOA was accompanied by a letter to the Airports Authority's incoming chairman, Michael Curto. The letter addresses a number of items, including those addressed in your December 28 letter to me, and invites Mr. Curto to discuss them with Secretary Connaughton and your chief of staff. I know that Mr. Curto will want to do this, and he will contact Mr. Kent early next week to arrange a time to meet.

The Airports Authority has a sincere desire to overcome past difficulties and to insure a warm and effective collaborative effort with you and our partners to achieve the many and substantial benefits to our region that are within our grasp.

As you may know, my term as Chairman of the Airports Authority ends tomorrow. I want you to know that I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you over the past two years, and I appreciate the courtesies you have shown me.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Snelling
Chairman