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Candidate's Pledge, Dulles Corridor Study

To whom it may concern:

I have reviewed the background material on the currently proposed Dulles Rail Silver Line project, a proposed 22 mile extension of the current heavy rail system.

- 1) This project appears to offer no meaningful reduction in congestion for Route 267 (the currently tolled highway) or its surrounding roads.
- 2) Route 267, the currently tolled section, has been more than paid for according to all available records. The current tolls should be removed and the toll plazas taken down.
- 3) Virginia needs to do a corridor analysis from Dulles Airport to the District and to Reagan National Airport to ensure that the two Virginia Airports operate as a unit.
- 4) The inner I-66 situation needs to be solved as it suffers from intolerable congestion every day, at all hours and in both directions. Vertical construction (either elevating or depressing the current Orange Line) to free up extra highway capacity within the I-66 corridor needs to be carefully studied before further incompatible construction occurs in the Dulles Corridor.
- 5) The Dulles Rail Silver Line extension should not proceed until the objections noted above have been satisfied.

Now is not the time to impose a \$20 billion rail tax on the Dulles Corridor.

It is not fair to ask local users of the Dulles Corridor area to finance a regional facility. The currently proposed financing scheme, where a rail tax, disguised as higher tolls, pays for the vast majority of the cost of the Dulles Rail project, is unjust and unfair and needs to be revisited.

Yours very truly,

Candidate for _____

Dated:
