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Dear Members of Congress:

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) asks you to support the ***Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act***, H.R. 7095.

**City of Fairfax**  
Hon. David Meyer

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Thanks to your leadership and support in passing the ***Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act***, our partners at Virginia Railway Express (VRE) and The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) are using ***CARES Act*** funding to help offset revenue losses due to reduced ridership and costs incurred to help our workforce and commuters remain healthy and safe as we continue to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The legislation also provided much-needed relief to jurisdictions across Northern Virginia which help fund WMATA. Arlington and Fairfax counties, as well as the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax each face their own budget challenges due to the COVID-19 global health emergency and ***CARES ACT*** reduced some of that financial burden.

**Loudoun County**  
Hon. Matthew Letourneau  
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Hon. Paul C. Smedberg

It is, however, vital for Congress to further stimulate the economy and address our nation's transportation needs by pursuing reauthorization of the ***FAST Act*** as soon as possible by passing the ***INVEST in America Act***.

**Virginia General Assembly**

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Your support, and that of your colleagues, will not only help VRE, WMATA and systems across the country to provide new jobs, mitigate traffic congestion, enhance safety, and create "greener" transportation alternatives, but will also rev up our nation's economy as we get back to work.

**Executive Director**  
Katherine A. Mattice

The ***INVEST in America Act*** would provide a long-term, \$495 billion, five-year reauthorization. Priority funding programs include:

- Increasing the funding for transit formula programs to \$82 billion.
- Designating \$19.9 billion for State of Good Repair through a new grant program, *PRIME (Passenger Rail Improvement, Modernization, and Expansion)* that would fund capital projects that improve the state of good repair, optimize performance, and expand intercity rail passenger transportation.
- Providing more than \$9 billion for large highway, transit, and freight projects, similar to the *BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development)* program.
- Allotting \$7 billion for *CRISI (Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements)* grants and adding commuter rail project sponsor eligibility.

Thank you again for your continued support of NVTC and the communities we serve. Should you have any questions or need further information please contact NVTC Executive Director Kate Mattice: [katemattice@novatransit.org](mailto:katemattice@novatransit.org) or 571-457-9523.

Sincerely,



Katie Cristol  
NVTC Chair