

Hampton Roads Transportation
Accountability Commission
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Good Afternoon:

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My concern is the ability of this commission to tax, borrow and
Spend the taxpayers hard earned money.

Principles of Liberty 27: The burden of debt is as destructive to
freedom as subjugation by conquest.

The General Assembly has done exactly that: subjugated the
people, and put us under the "yoke" of debt to a commission that
doesn't even know its constituents. Now as an enslaved people, to
the whims of men, all we have to look forward to is the yoke of
taxation, tolling and bondage.

In the Declaration of Rights in Article 1, Section VI of the Virginia
Constitution states:

That elections of members to serve as representatives of the people
in assembly ought to be free; and that all men, having sufficient
evidence of permanent common interest with, and attachment to,

the community have the right of voting and cannot be taxed or deprived of their property for public uses without their own consent or that of their representatives so elected, nor bound by any law to which they have not, in like manner, assented, for the public good. Many of the people here, have not assented to this law passed in the General Assembly to create this commission. Many of us believe in some way that the Commission has forgotten what it means to represent the people. The representing the people idea has been replaced with the idea to implement their own ideas without regard to the people: such as:

1. The idea of putting a line around the region, blocking off any growth outside that line. Inside the line, make an effort to discourage the use of cars in preference to public transportation to restrict mobility. This restriction will create a housing shortage in the future, so the prices will go up. This housing shortage means populations will have to be controlled, because there is no room to contain more people.
2. The second idea is for the Commission stake its claim to enforce its own private agendas. To make it seem like the

people are represented. In reality, the Commissioners have made it so they are answerable to no one not even to God.

3. The third idea is to set up Public/Private Partnerships. In this way, they can sanction monopolies in which a few businesses are granted special favors like tax breaks, the power of eminent domain, non-compete clauses and specific guarantees for return on their own investments. That means they can fix prices, charge beyond what the market demands, and they can use the power of government to put competition out of business.

Yes, this commission has been set up to take away the citizens rights to self-govern. God Save Our Commonwealth from this Commissions ability to tax, toll, and spend the people's hard-earned money.

Thanks for listening.

USE CAUTION WHEN 'CHANGING THINGS'

MAKING CHANGE, IN ANYTHING, CAN BE HAZARDOUS

Anytime that an attempt to CHANGE 'THINGS'

from the 'Status Quo' is made—

Only one of three (3) things can happen

- 1) 'Things' Get Better
- 2) 'Things' Fail to Change—Stay the Same
- 3) 'Things' Get Worse (i.e. the Obama Experience)

The Moral of This 'Story

Never ASSUME that making CHANGE automatically means that 'Things' Get Better. Think very carefully before disturbing the 'Status Quo'. 'Things' can, and DO, sometimes get worse.