

October 16, 2014

The Honorable Alan Krasnoff  
Chairman  
Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission  
The Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Re: Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Endorsement of Patriot's Crossing.

Dear Mayor Krasnoff:

On behalf of the members of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, please allow me to communicate our formal endorsement of the Patriot's Crossing project.

Transportation has, and continues to be one of, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce's top public policy priorities and the development of a third crossing is a long overdue necessity for our region's business community and the quality of life of our residence.

We believe Patriot's Crossing delivers on several strategic business reasons and promises an improved quality of life to the 1.7 million citizens of Hampton Roads. The transportation corridor plan, as unanimously selected by the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization, provides the most relief of regional congestion eases the burden from the aging Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and encourages traffic on the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel.

Additionally, we believe Patriot's Crossing will significantly help facilitate regional economic growth. For instance, it will allow for anticipated Port growth via a Craney Island connection, as well as improve connectivity between the different cities of our region allowing more efficient and effective flow of people and goods. In short, Patriot's Crossing will better connect us within the region, and to the rest of the eastern United States.

Patriot's Crossing is not a new idea, but it is well past time to make it a reality. The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is squarely behind the project – it's just good business!

Sincerely,



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President & CEO  
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce

cc: Terry McAuliffe, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Aubrey Layne, Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Paul Fraim, Mayor, City of Norfolk  
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