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Prince William Board of County Supervisors
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, Virginia 22192

RE: Board Agenda Item 6, Resolution F: Godwin Drive Extension

Dear Prince William Board of County Supervisors:

As representatives of the vast majority of businesses and nonprofit employers in Northern Virginia, we are writing to share our strong support of the Godwin Drive Extension as the locally preferred location for long-term improvements to the Route 28 Corridor in Prince William County.

Route 28 widening is already underway to the south in Prince William County and to the north in Fairfax County. Without action, this critical bottleneck will continue to deteriorate in the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, impacting tens of thousands of people who travel along the Route 28 corridor on a daily basis.

In 2017, the *Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study* evaluated many alternatives including widening Route 28, expanding VRE and BRT service, and bypasses to the east and west. The Study concluded that a bypass extending Godwin Drive (Alternative 2B) provided the greatest congestion relief at the lowest cost.

This project reduces morning delays on Route 28 by 50% and results in 67% fewer intersections operating over capacity. At the same time, it decreases traffic in downtown Manassas by 7,700 vehicles per day and includes a new multimodal shared use path.

Last year Prince William residents voted overwhelmingly to approve bonds totaling \$200 million for this project. Furthermore, Prince William County has already secured \$95 million in regional funds from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for this improvement.

Designating a preferred location is an important first step, but it is only the beginning of an extensive two-year design process that includes robust community input and numerous opportunities to enhance the design of the roadway to mitigate community and environmental impacts. And throughout this process, Prince William County will still be required to obtain the appropriate local, state, and federal environmental approvals before moving forward with construction.

Therefore, now is the time for Prince William County to designate the Godwin Drive Bypass as the preferred alignment so that this important regional project can move forward.

Thank you for your time, consideration and service to our community.

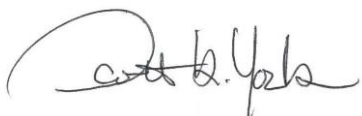
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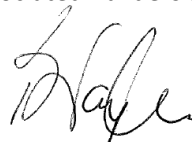
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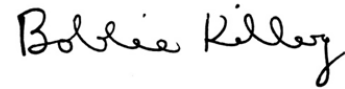
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