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CARS COALITION UNITES  
LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS  
AROUND SHARED  
PRIORITIES TO CREATE A  
SAFER AND MORE  
ACCESSIBLE  
TRANSPORTATION  
NETWORK ACROSS  
NATIONAL LANDING.

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Monica Backmon  
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Dear Ms. Backmon,

The People Before Cars Coalition strongly supports Arlington County's funding application for the CC2DCA Multimodal Connection ("CC2DCA") under NVTA's FY 2024-2029 Six-Year Program. By connecting bus rapid transit, Metro rail, commuter (VRE/MARC) and intercity (Amtrak) rail, and the Mount Vernon Trail with National Airport, CC2DCA will enhance the value of our existing network while creating new mobility options. As such, this project embodies NVTA's core values of equity, safety, and sustainability.

In addition to promoting the NVTA's core values, the CC2DCA project directly addresses the key metrics used by the NVTA to evaluate candidate projects for the Six-Year Program. CC2DCA reduces dependence on driving alone by improving conditions for people accessing transit and using other modes. The project will put the more than 24,000 residents, 36,000 employees, and 5,000 hotel rooms in National Landing within walking distance of DCA. And thanks to CC2DCA's planned connection to VRE's new Crystal City Station, many more people will now have car-free access to the airport using VRE, Amtrak, and MARC service.

This expanded access will in turn help reduce transportation-related emissions. Whether users walk directly from their origin in National Landing to the airport or use passenger rail to access the airport via the new VRE station, their emissions will be much lower than the likely alternative of driving directly to the airport.

CC2DCA will also improve access for thousands of employees who travel to and from DCA every day, especially flight crews, many of whom stay at hotels in National Landing between flights. CC2DCA will provide a convenient alternative to existing hotel shuttles for these crews. It will also provide a new option for the many more employees throughout the region who commute to the airport for work who can now use regional passenger rail to access DCA.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, CC2DCA will help maximize the value of other existing or planned investments in multi-modal transportation. The NVTA itself has committed to invest nearly \$20M in VRE's planned Crystal City Station. This augments the nearly \$4B that the Commonwealth is investing through the Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative to improve





passenger rail service, anchored by expanded VRE and Amtrak service to the new Crystal City Station. CC2DCA will multiply the benefit of both investments by providing a direct connection from the station to DCA.

For these reasons, we strongly support Arlington County's application for funding and encourage the NVTA to grant their request.

Respectfully,

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