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Honorable Mark Warner
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol, 3rd floor
Richmond, VA 23219

April 18, 2005

Dear Governor Warner:

At its meeting of April 7, 2005, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission considered the benefits of an active telework policy in which decentralized workplaces and alternative work schedules are encouraged as a means to reduce traffic congestion and help clean our air.

As you know, the 2005 Virginia General Assembly considered but failed to create a Telework Council with 15 members to be appointed by the Governor. Nonetheless, each state agency head is required to include specific budget requests for information technology, software and other equipment needed to increase opportunities for telecommuting and participation in alternate work locations.

We respectfully ask you to increase your efforts to promote teleworking by state employees, especially in Northern Virginia. This would also set a good example for private employers.

We are prepared to provide whatever assistance we can to help you achieve that objective. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our request.

Sincerely,

Paul Ferguson
Chairman

cc: Secretary Pierce Homer