



February 29, 2012

Mr. Michael Curto, Chairman  
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
1 Aviation Circle  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairman Curto:

We are writing to express our concern over the recent decision by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's (MWAA) board to use a 10 percent incentive to encourage the use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for Phase II of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. While we appreciate the board's decision to not mandate a PLA for Phase II, the decision regarding the 10 percent incentive is being interpreted as a way of guaranteeing union labor on the project.

As you know, the funding partners are not opposed to the use of voluntary PLAs in major construction projects. In fact, such agreements are being used in Phase I of the Silver Line as well as other transportation projects in Northern Virginia such as the I 495 Express Lanes.

None of the funding partners support a requirement for, or a prohibition against, a PLA for public procurements.

Legislation has passed both houses of the Virginia General Assembly that prohibits state agencies from providing financial assistance or entering into cooperative agreements on projects that require or prohibit PLAs, or otherwise discriminate due to labor affiliation. The Governor intends to sign this legislation into law shortly.

The MWAA Board's decision to use a 10 percent incentive to encourage the use of a PLA for Phase II of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is being viewed as a potential violation of the pending law. It would be a tragic loss and a detriment to the project if the Commonwealth withheld its \$150 million contribution, as well as its ability to cooperate with MWAA, in the construction of Phase II.

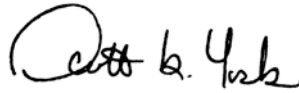
We urge you to ask the MWAA Board to consider substituting language that calls for an effective plan for the management of workforce issues without specifically incentivizing the use of a PLA.

Thanks so much for your consideration and for your good work on the Board.

Sincerely,



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