

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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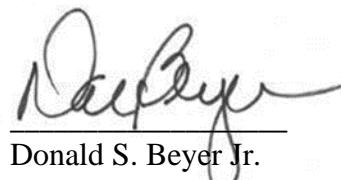
Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for “Alexandria Fourth Track and Related Infrastructure Projects” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority. The funding would be used to finalize design of and begin construction on 6.0 miles of a fourth railroad track and related infrastructure between Arlington, VA, and Alexandria, VA. The project will connect with the southern end of the Long Bridge Project and will construct one additional track within existing railroad right-of-way to accommodate more railroad capacity and increase the efficiency of train operations in the corridor. The existing tracks will be shifted to accommodate station and platform improvements planned by Virginia Railway Express for the Alexandria and Crystal City passenger stations. In addition to the Fourth Track Project, VPRA, in collaboration with CSXT, will also design and construct replacement rail bridges over King Street and Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this track would reduce congestion and facilitate ridership growth in Northern Virginia’s intercity passenger rail transportation along this heavily traveled rail corridor. Replacing the rail bridges will reduce maintenance and minimize rail service interruptions while modernizing the bridges to current bridge standards. It will also improve safety for pedestrians and motorists under the bridges. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 49 USC, Section 22907.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress