

June 18, 2008

To the Honorable members of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates representing Hanover County:

The Hanover Business Council of the Greater Richmond Chamber's role is to identify and address issues of interest to the business community within Hanover County. The corporate community that we represent views transportation as a critical issue, and our council is urging our elected officials to address this crisis in a significant and sustainable manner during the June 23 Special Transportation Session.

We encourage members of the Hanover County delegation and all state legislators to adopt a statewide funding package now to provide money in a logical way that will not only fund basic maintenance of existing roads, but will also allow for transportation infrastructure and new construction projects.

It is important that the delegation representing Hanover County be proactive in identifying the current and future needs of the Central Virginia region. We understand that there are urgent congestion issues across the Commonwealth, but businesses and citizens need you to prepare now for a transportation funding plan that will address your constituency's immediate needs and long term requirements.

Virginia has consistently been recognized as the top state to do business and one of the best managed states in the nation. It is imperative that our transportation system continues to serve the governments, citizens and businesses that make the Commonwealth and the Greater Richmond region competitive and attractive.

We look to you, our elected Hanover County leaders, to join your counterparts in the upcoming special session to provide an adequate, long term and sustainable funding solution. The Hanover Business Council stands ready to support you in any reasonable General Assembly proposal that will provide transportation funding for our region. As your voting constituency, we sincerely hope that you will be part of that solution.

Sincerely,

Wiley C. Keel, Jr.
Chair
Hanover Business Council

CC: Hanover County Administrator
Hanover County Board of Supervisors

