

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

We are writing, as legislators representing residents of the City of Alexandria, about a permit application now under consideration by the Department of Environmental Quality. The permit I am referring to is for a proposed expansion of the Norfolk Southern ethanol transloading facility at 1000 South Van Dorn Street in Alexandria.

This transloading facility began operations in 2008, and has been of concern to the City and its residents ever since, due to the fact that the facility deals with large amounts of a highly flammable liquid in close proximity to hundreds of homes and a public elementary school. Local residents are now seriously concerned that Norfolk Southern is seeking authority to more than double the amount of ethanol that can be transferred, and believe that every facet of the operation that is subject to regulation be closely examined to ensure that the public is protected.

Because of these concerns, we ask that you direct the Department of Environmental Quality to hold both an informational meeting and a public hearing on the proposed air quality permit. We ask that these two meetings be held on separate dates, so that the public can have the benefit of the information it receives at the first meeting in order to formulate any testimony for the public hearing. We also request that you direct the Department to set a comment period as long as possible—at least 60 days—to give the public time to better understand and comment on the Norfolk Southern proposal.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. We realize that you, like us, wish to ensure that the public safety is protected in situations such as this.

Sincerely yours,

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Delegate K. Robert Krupicka, Jr.



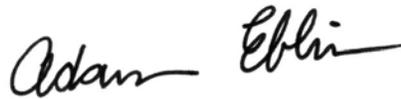
Delegate Charniele L. Herring



Senator George Barker



Senator Richard L. Saslaw



Senator Adam P. Ebbin

cc: Mayor William D. Euille
The Honorable Members of Alexandria City Council
Rashad M. Young, Alexandria City Manager