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Dear Members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation:

I am writing to express my support for federal funding to assist the National Gateway project. This partnership between federal and state governments and the private sector will create a vital rail corridor linking Virginia's international ports with key markets in the Midwest.

As our nation finally begins focusing on the importance of investing in our nation's transportation network, Virginia must move quickly to support strategic and cost-beneficial infrastructure projects such as the National Gateway that will strengthen the business climate of the Commonwealth. The National Gateway is no ordinary public project. It is a prime example of how America can rebuild its economy and infrastructure, reduce congestion and help the environment by combining public investment with private sector engagement and funding. It is an ideal way to maximize the investment of Virginia taxpayers and Americans everywhere.

Private organizations have expressed strong support for this initiative, and CSX has committed \$387 million of the overall \$774 million dollars needed to complete the project. This coalition of supporters is seeking matching funding from the state and federal government to secure the necessary funding to move forward. Virginia has already stepped up with our share of funding from the Rail Enhancement Fund. I encourage you to do what you can to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David".

David Englin
Member, 45th District
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