

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Murayama and Mr. Kanehana:

As Members of Congress representing the National Capital Region served by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), we are pleased that the new 7000-series rail cars manufactured by Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc., are now operating on Metrorail's Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines. These new cars provide our constituents and the millions of visitors to our nation's capital with improved safety and comfort as they commute to work and travel throughout the region.

In addition, the 7000-series cars will allow Metro to begin replacing its oldest 1000-series cars and to address a critical safety recommendation of the National Transportation Safety Board. Unfortunately, we are becoming increasingly concerned about quality issues that have arisen. It is our understanding that, working with Metro, you have identified issues related to metal curing, car assembly, and IT systems. In fact, the severity of these challenges has led to the slowing or closing of the production line at your Nebraska facility.

It is imperative that Kawasaki Rail Car Inc. work expeditiously with Metro to resolve any outstanding issues with the 7000-series railcars so that production can resume and the delivery of cars can return to the anticipated schedule. We request that you make available a point of contact to provide regular updates to Metro leadership and to our offices in order to ensure that these issues are addressed promptly.

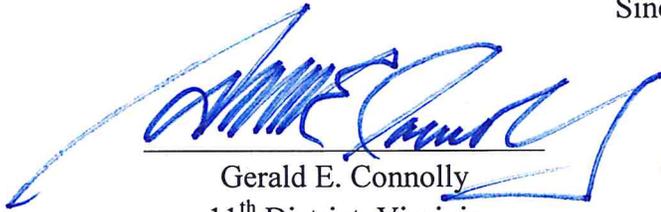
Metro is an integral part of the National Capital Region's transportation network, economy, and emergency response system. It serves the nation's second-largest transit ridership, with approximately 204 million trips in 2014. Metro is also vital to the operations of the United States federal government. More than one-third of all Metrorail stations are located on federal property, and 42% of Metrorail's peak-period commuters are federal employees.

Recognizing Metro's importance to the nation's capital, our Congressional delegation has provided unwavering support for the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (Public Law 110-432), which provided a \$150 million annual capital funding commitment to Metro over a ten-year period, primarily to support the purchase of the 7000-series railcars. Those funds are matched by \$50 million

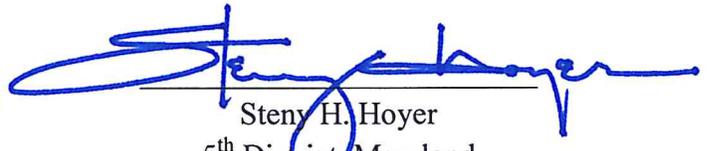
each from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The federal funding is appropriated annually, and our delegation has led efforts to protect those dollars in the face of recent attacks from Members of Congress who do not support this critical transit investment. Any delay in delivery of the cars would undermine our efforts to keep this funding on track.

We share the frustrations of our constituents who have long expected the 7000-series railcars to increase Metrorail reliability and safety. We look forward to a swift resolution of these matters so that we can expand deployment of the 7000-series cars. As a key partner in "America's Subway," Kawasaki has an unparalleled opportunity to showcase its craftsmanship and innovation for U.S. and international policy makers and visitors. We look forward to hearing from you about how you intend to address these concerns and help ensure that Metrorail can fulfill its mission in the best way possible.

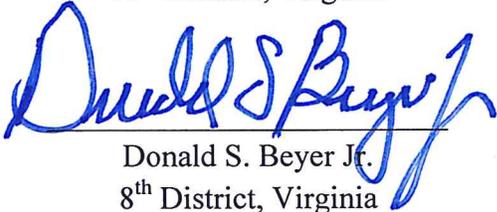
Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
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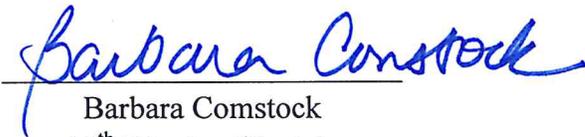
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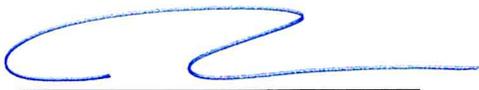
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