The Committee to Advance the TransDominion Express

June 25, 2012

Barry Helms
Town of Christiansburg
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Dear Barry,

During a year of record ridership for Amtrak's national passenger rail network, the Lynchburg to Washington, DC service was its shining star. In these challenging economic times, success of the Lynchburg service and Amtrak's record performance are essential to the future development of passenger rail service in America. In 2012-13, we plan to build on these recent successes and set plans in motion for new gains.

The vision of a passenger rail network spanning the Commonwealth is alive and well. We thank you for your patient and steadfast support for our passenger rail initiative. We cannot rest on our laurels but before we take another bold step forward, please consider these milestones:

- The new Smart Way Connector bus service which provides a reasonably-priced link from Roanoke to Amtrak's Lynchburg-Boston passenger service, is bolstering ridership for the "Northeast Regional Service" and paving the way for extending passenger rail service to Roanoke and eventually to Bristol.
- The Lynchburg-DC-Boston service has surpassed both its yearly ridership goal and its yearly revenue goal. The passenger train serves stations in Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Culpeper, Manassas, Alexandria and Fairfax County before traveling to northern destinations of Washington, D.C., New York and Boston.
- Amtrak has called the new service its "best performing state-supported train in Amtrak's system in terms of cost recovery." Amtrak routinely lists the Lynchburg-DC service among its top performing routes for ridership growth. This service recorded passenger growth of 27 percent and 32 percent in the last quarter of 2011 and first quarter of 2012.

We know that you share our pride and sense of accomplishment.

On behalf of the Committee to Advance the TransDominion Express, we respectfully request your continued support. In 2012-13, we will seek to advance our initiative in four ways: to identify and support a dedicated source of funds for passenger rail operations; to continue to promote the Smart Way Connector from Roanoke to Kemper Street Station; to continue to build ridership for the Lynchburg-DC-Boston service; and to strengthen efforts to stimulate new Tennessee service from Chattanooga to Bristol to connect with the Northeast Regional Service.

We know that your time and financial resources are valuable and precious. Still, we hope that our accomplishments convince you that we can make a difference and that the aforementioned goals convince you of the need to take another bold step forward.

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Again, thank you for your ongoing support. Please approve the enclosed invoice to ensure that the effective work of the Committee to Advance the TransDominion Express continues. Please contact us with any questions and comments or if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

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