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To: Ms. Anna Chamberlin
Manager, Project Review
AICP Long Bridge Project
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Dear Ms. Chamberlin:

The Long Bridge Project between Arlington County and the District of Columbia is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to establish a vital pedestrian and bicycling connection in the region's transportation network. The Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) supports a pedestrian and bicycle connection for the Long Bridge Project. It is a critical connection in the regional trail network and will serve environmentally sustainable and healthy modes of transportation.

It is essential that this connection be built as part of rail project. If this opportunity is not seized now, it could take decades before our region has a chance to create a better connection over the Potomac River and alleviate the dangerously congested Mount Vernon Trail.

Including a pedestrian and bicycle path with the Long Bridge project is aligned with recommendations and long-term goals outlined in the DDOT MoveDC plan, the DDOT Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, the Arlington Capital Improvement Plan, and the National Park Service Paved Trail Plan. All three jurisdictions have studied and concluded that a connection of this type and

location is not just desirable, but vital to the health of multimodal transportation in our region.

FABB, representing 3000 members, urges DDOT to proactively seek and implement a pedestrian and bicycle connection as part of the Long Bridge Project. Including the critical pedestrian and bicycle connection ensures that the Long Bridge Project is completed in cost-effective manner by maximizing construction cost-savings and minimizing disruption to an environmentally sensitive area.

Please work with regional and Federal partners to include an attached pedestrian and bicycle bridge and close the missing trail link between Long Bridge Park and the Mount Vernon Trail.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey Anderson

President - Board of Directors

Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling

