Sully District Council of Citizens Associations



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The Honorable Jeff McKay Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530 Fairfax, VA 22035 <u>chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>

The Honorable Kathy Smith Sully District Supervisor 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard Chantilly, VA 20151 <u>sully@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>

Subject: Reinstatement of Truck Ban for Bull Run Post Office Road

Dear Chairman McKay and Supervisor Smith,

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations ("SDCCA") and West Fairfax County Citizens Association ("WFCCA") joint land use and transportation committee (the "Joint Committee"), would like to share our appreciation with you regarding the reinstatement of the truck ban Bull Run Post Office Road (BRPO Rd). We appreciate your understanding and recognition that BRPO Rd is a very narrow country road with extremely poor sight lines. Some sections are too narrow to be striped to allow for two-way traffic and lacks significant shoulders or areas where traffic may pull-off to allow larger traffic to pass.

While we appreciate the quick action to approve the truck ban, the Joint Committee respectfully requests Supervisor Smith and Chairman McKay expedite the request through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) without delay. At the conclusion of the BOS decision, it was mentioned by Supervisor Smith and a staffer that it could take as much as nine (9) months for VDOT to approve the truck ban and post the signs. With the current truck traffic on BRPO Rd, Route 29, and Route 234 heading to construction sites on I66, as many as a 65 trucks per hour on Route 234 alone, it's imperative that the truck ban go into effect immediately. The Luck Stone Quarry reclamation project will add, by their own estimate 250 – 300 additional trucks per day. Finally, with the colder weather only months away, snow and ice will make the road even more dangerous as drainage continues to be problematic along this country/ rural route.

The immediate need for this truck ban is increasingly important for residents on BRPO Rd as we have seen far too many cases where trucks, busses, and other large vehicle traffic cannot pass safely in opposite directions. Truck traffic along BRPO Rd creates dangerous conflicts for neighborhoods and their

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quality of life, endangers wildlife, destroys fauna and flora, conflicts with use of the Sully Woodlands while at the same time ruins the residential and rural character of this area. For the past 38 years, the Board of Supervisors have openly supported the Occoquan Downzoning, which protects water quality and the environment in western and southwestern Fairfax County.

With all due respect, please act now to engage with VDOT to have the truck ban effective immediately and prevent any future injuries or loss of life on BRPO Rd.

The Joint Committee approved this letter at its 21 September meeting:

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