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May 31, 2011

The Honorable Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II
Office of the Attorney General
900 East Main Street
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Dear Attorney General Cuccinelli:

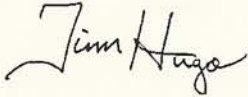
On April 6, 2011, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Board of Directors passed a resolution directing the MWAA Dulles Corridor and Business Administration Committees to mandate a project labor agreement (PLA) in procurement documents for Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Should MWAA move forward with this ill-advised measure, it will discriminate against non-union construction firms and the 96 percent of construction workers in Virginia who have chosen to not belong to a union; discourage competition; and ultimately greatly increase the overall cost of the project.

In addition to these significant anti-competitive and economic concerns, equally troubling is the manner in which the MWAA Board considered the resolution to implement a PLA on Phase 2 of the Dulles Metrorail Project. The fact that members of the MWAA Board of Directors who voted in favor of the resolution are affiliated with organizations that stand to directly benefit from the enactment of the proposed PLA, raises the specter of a clear ethical lapse and conflict of interest. MWAA Board member Dennis Martire currently serves as Vice President and Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA). Under the proposed PLA on Phase 2 of the Metrorail Project, Mr. Martire's employer stands to reap a financial windfall. Mr. Martire's failure to either recuse himself or conflict his union out of any of the Dulles Rail work, appears to be a direct violation of the MWAA Code of Ethical Responsibilities and a breach of the Commonwealth of Virginia's conflict of interest statutes.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request the Office of Attorney General to investigate the manner in which the MWA Board of Directors considered the resolution calling for a PLA on Phase 2 of the Dulles Metrorail Project, as well as potential conflict of interest violations.

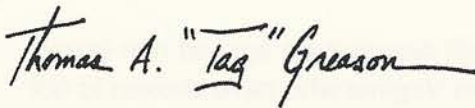
Respectively,



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