



Dear Editor,

As President of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Virginia I write this letter to express our support for the Governor's effort to solve the short term and long term transportation funding crisis with the "Virginia's Road to the Future" program. The Governor's plan pushes the discussion to the forefront and provides a solid platform for the political system to perform as designed. Delegates and Senators have the entire session to iron out differences and details on a program fundamentally important to the Commonwealth. Regardless of one's position with each major aspect of the bill, the Governor has chosen the ethical approach and provided ideas in writing for analysis, critique, and discussion along with adequate time to iron out differences, concerns, and objections.

The Governor and his staff have a long road to haul and much discussion remains. As engineers we solve problems for a living while maintaining high ethical standards for our decisions, results and behavior. We're confident our leaders can establish a final product that complies with the Governor's fundamental criteria to generate short term and long term revenue necessary to maintain and construct our current and future transportation infrastructure. Our roads, ports, railways and runways are a substantial asset to all of us. At ACEC, we look forward to doing our part to contribute to the continued success and prosperity for the Commonwealth and appreciate the Governor's leadership on transportation funding.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark D. McGuire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark McGuire, P.E.  
President  
ACEC *Virginia*