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June 27, 2017

The Honorable Corey A. Stewart, Chairman  
Prince William Board of County Supervisors  
One County Complex Court  
Prince William, Virginia 22192

Dear Chairman Stewart:

The Prince William Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 27 and unanimously voted to support economic development in eastern Prince William County and endorse the proposed Potomac Nationals stadium. On July 18, the Board of County Supervisors will consider sending the Potomac Nationals stadium project to the Industrial Development Authority to approve bonds to build the project. We respectfully request your support for this important initiative.

Earlier this year, the Board of County Supervisors approved a new strategic plan calling for expansion of the existing commercial tax base by one hundred percent. Continuing to grow the commercial tax base through the expansion of existing businesses and the attraction of new investment to Prince William County is vital to keeping residential property taxes low and providing a world-class education in public schools. This goal is attainable but only through support for initiatives such as the proposed stadium. We believe that economic development requires a building block approach. Approval for this project will help to send a message that the County is ready and willing to support existing businesses and that we welcome additional and future investments from the private sector.

There is a tremendous economic development upside associated with this project both in terms of job creation and support for the County's economy. Projects such as this one do not come around as frequently as the Chamber or the Board of County Supervisors would like. When they do, we must be forward-thinking and take advantage of the opportunities presented. The Chamber requests that you vote to support this project and join us as we work towards meeting the County's economic development goals.

Sincerely,

CC Bartholomew  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Betty Dean  
Chairman, Policy Committee

Pc: Supervisor Jeanine Lawson, Vice Chairman  
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