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Mayor Bill Euille
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille,

At our August 19, 2008 meeting of the Cameron Station Community Association Board of Directors it was agreed that we would fully support the Cameron Station Civic Association's call for an independent review of city staff's actions leading up to the operation of the Norfolk Southern Ethanol Transloading Facility located in the West end of Alexandria within 600+ feet of our community. I commend the Civic Association for their perseverance on this issue and the uncovering of what appears to be non professional actions by the city staff in handling this issue from the beginning.

As the president of one of Alexandria's largest home owner association, totaling almost 1800 residences, we are concerned that it seems the city staff did not exercise proper due diligence in keeping both the city's elected officials informed as well as the local community. Based on the Cameron Station Civic Association's FOIA request it appears the city staff did not follow proper procedures for meeting notes as well as informing the "chain of command" of what was transpiring.

In due fairness to the city staff, the city's elected official and the community, only an independent review of what actually transpired along with recommended corrective actions can both resolve this issue and begin to restore the citizens faith in the city's government to properly take care of their needs. Bottom line this should NOT be an in-house review.

The Cameron Station Community Association unequivocally calls for an independent review of the city's actions regarding the Norfolk Southern Transloading issue.

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