April 7, 2015

Mr. Charles W. Moorman  
Chairman & CEO  
Norfolk Southern Corporation 
Three Commercial Place  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Dear Mr. Moorman:

We, the undersigned, are legislators whose districts include portions of the City of Alexandria. We are very concerned that Norfolk Southern plans to expand its transloading facility in the City’s West End. In light of the proximity of the facility to heavily populated residential neighborhoods, we recommend that you not proceed with the proposed expansion. Simply put, we ask that Norfolk Southern reconsider its decision.

There is no question about it, residents near to the existing facility have opposed its location as being incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood. The Alexandria City Council and City staff have long expressed the belief that facilities like this do not belong in densely populated areas due to safety concerns. As members of the state legislature, we share this public safety concern and concur with the belief that further expansion would not best serve the constituents we represent.

While federal law may not assist the City or its residents in preventing a further expansion of this operation, we ask that Norfolk Southern, as a good corporate citizen of the Commonwealth, not proceed with plans for this expansion.

Sincerely,

George Barker  
39th District  
Senate of Virginia

Adam P. Ebbin  
30th District  
Senate of Virginia

Richard. L. Saslaw  
35th District  
Senate of Virginia
cc: The Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor
    The Honorable Mayor and Members of Alexandria City Council
    Mark Jinks, Acting City Manager, City of Alexandria