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Greater Washington Partnership Statement Supporting Virginia's Historic Rail Announcement

National Landing, VA—Thomas F. Farrell II, Chairman, President & CEO of Dominion Energy, Kenneth A. Samet, President & CEO of MedStar Health, and Mark A. Weinberger, former Global Chairman and CEO of EY—co-chairs of the Greater Washington Partnership's Regional Mobility Initiative—today released the following statement on the historic funding and acquisition deal announced by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam to transform intercity and commuter rail travel in the Capital Region:

"Today's announcement made by Governor Northam to acquire rail right-of-way from Washington to Richmond and through to North Carolina and fund the expansion of Long Bridge, is game changing for the Capital Region's transportation system, and represents a key achievement in implementing the Partnership's [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#). This deal will establish near hourly rail service between Washington and Richmond, expand peak VRE service, initiate VRE weekend operations, and unlock run-through service for MARC trains into Northern Virginia. This is one of the biggest achievements for passenger rail in the United States since Amtrak was created almost 50 years ago. We commend Governor Northam and his team for their vision, leadership and execution of this historic effort. By working in partnership with Mayor Bowser, Governor Hogan and Amtrak President Richard Anderson, we can leverage this investment to radically improve the reliability and performance of our transportation network for all our residents and ensure the Capital Region from Baltimore to Richmond continues to be globally competitive."

About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the region, drawing from the leading employers and entrepreneurs committed to making the Capital Region—from Baltimore to Richmond—one of the world's best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region's extraordinary assets to advance inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen the Capital Region as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

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