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April 10th, 2008

Dear Senators and Delegates:

On behalf of the undersigned business leadership organizations and the approximately 360 senior business leaders who comprise our respective Boards, we are writing to once again express our appreciation for your support of our region's medical school project receiving full, immediate funding ~~like~~ **as is being done in** Richmond and Roanoke.

The number of senior citizens in Hampton Roads (and across the Commonwealth and nation) is growing rapidly, resulting in a growing demand for physician services. Given the amount of time it takes to train doctors, it is imperative that we take action this year to increase EVMS' class size if we are to avoid a critical shortage of physicians for the region in the coming years.

Everyone in Hampton Roads has a personal interest in allowing EVMS to expand by including funding for a new building for them in the bond package. Please know that you continue to have our strong support as **you** work to insure that our region's medical school project is fully funded this year. We stand ready to do whatever we can to support your **efforst-efforts.**

Sincerely,

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President
Greater Norfolk Corporation

Stephen **R.** Davis
President
Virginia Beach Vision

Tim Kerr
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