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The Honorable Barbara Favola  
Senate of Virginia  
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Subject: Request for a Decision on One-Lane Bridge on Springvale Road in Great Falls

Dear Senator Favola:

Thank you for your follow-up letter to Mr. Kendal R. Walus, State Structure and Bridge Engineer, dated October 25, 2021, regarding the plan for the Springvale Road Bridge. I have discussed your concerns with our executive team, including the State Structure and Bridge Engineer and the Chief Engineer. As you know, the existing bridge is in very poor condition and will require replacement in the near future. This project is important in order to improve safety for the citizens of the Commonwealth. Safety is VDOT's number one consideration when making decisions regarding changes to bridge geometrics.

Given the fact that our engineering recommendation is to replace the existing bridge with a two-lane bridge, the Commonwealth will plan to build *a one-lane bridge* initially, but provide footings and abutments to support an ultimate two-lane bridge. It should be noted the project currently is not funded for the bridge replacement project. In addition, we will work with Fairfax County, to determine the best method(s) to restrict traffic and traffic calming measures for the one-lane configuration. However, in the future, based on demand and accident history, we will review the need to remove the one-lane restrictions and convert the bridge to two-lanes.

Thank you for your interest in this project and your commitment to communicating your community's issues and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen C. Brich".

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**cc     The Honorable Janet Howell, Senate of Virginia  
The Honorable Kathleen Murphy, Delegate of Virginia  
The Honorable Scott Wyatt, Delegate of Virginia  
The Honorable John Foust, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
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