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Brad Reed
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Virginia Department of Transportation
81 Commerce Road, Staunton VA 24401

Dear Mr. Brad Reed:

I am the President of the Shenandoah Valley Runners (SVR) club and I am writing to you to support the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project. Our members would really enjoy this project and we want to support the effort.

SVR's mission is to promote and encourage running, regardless of age, gender or physical condition. To accomplish its mission, SVR hold races and social runs, awards scholarships, sponsors speakers, and coordinates with other agencies in the community advocating running and walking. SVR sponsors about 30 races a year, helping to bring outstanding community running events to Frederick, Warren, Clarke, and Shenandoah Counties and even a few in West Virginia. Although the primary club base is in Winchester, Virginia, our club membership and activities cover the greater northern Shenandoah Valley. We are also a proud member of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA).

Last year we had 578 families with 1047 total members involved with our club. I am certain that many of our members would use the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail to run, walk, and bike, and we hope that the project will be completed soon.

Thank you for your work to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

Vern Heavner
Shenandoah Valley Runners (svrunners.org)

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