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Dear Mr. Gallagher:

I was recently made aware of the Virginia Department of Transportation's decision to limit (prohibit) oversize shipments through the tunnels on 1-77 and wanted to offer our organization's assistance in helping to reach a solution to this issue.

The Modular Building Institute is the international non-profit trade association dedicated to serving the needs of the commercial modular construction industry. Similar to the manufactured and modular housing industries, our manufacturers build commercial structures off-site and transport them over highways to the end users. Closure of this section of 1-77 will cause additional delays and costs for our members and ultimately their customers, including in many cases public schools.

I have contacted Congressman Rick Boucher's office (VA-9<sup>th</sup>) and will drop off some information to his legislative aide, Laura Vaught this week. I have also contacted the Virginia Chamber of Commerce to see if they would lend a hand.

I have attached our association's annual "State of the Industry" report to give you a better understanding of who we are and what we do. Please keep me informed of any upcoming meetings with VDOT.

Sincerely,

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