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August 2, 2018

The Honorable McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor
City of Newport News
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607

Dear Mayor Price:

This letter is to inquire as to Newport News' intentions regarding the status of York County's membership on the Peninsula Airport Commission (PAC). It has been over a year since the PAC first voted to invite York County, James City County, and Williamsburg to join. In the fall of 2017, we were asked in writing to consider joining; and we subsequently took formal action to join and appoint a representative.

Since that time both the PAC and the City of Hampton voted to approve York's participation. The matter has yet to be placed on a Newport News City Council agenda despite the passage of many months. We have also not received any communication from Newport News regarding the City's position on this matter.

The York County Board of Supervisors sincerely believes that the County's participation on the PAC, in addition to the participation of James City County and Williamsburg, would strengthen the airport and place our part of Hampton Roads in a stronger position going forward. It is in all of our communities' interest to help the airport succeed in a time of rapid change and fierce competition for air service.

My colleagues and I would appreciate the City either approving our participation or providing a clear and timely explanation of why that is not possible. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheila S. Noll, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors

Copies to: York County Board of Supervisors
Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator