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## Attachment 1

December 6, 2016

The Honorable Libby Garvey, Chair  
Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

RE: Opposition to Second Signature Requirement for the Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles from Private Property

Dear Chairman Garvey,

On behalf of the Economic Development Commission (EDC), I want to express the EDC's strong opposition to the second signature requirement for removal of illegally parked vehicles from private property.

The EDC evaluated the second signature requirement in accordance with our Guiding Principles. As I have articulated below, we believe this requirement is in total opposition with Arlington's economic development strategy and, specifically, the EDC's guiding principles of competitiveness, good governance and streamlined process.

Competitiveness: This requirement negatively impacts the ability of businesses to operate, expand or prosper in Arlington. It weakens Arlington's reputation as a welcoming place to start or maintain a business and it diminishes Arlington's ability to compete with surrounding jurisdictions. The second signature requirement reinforces the perception that Arlington has unnecessary and burdensome regulations and is a difficult and costly place to do business.

Good Governance and Streamlined Process: Good governance and streamlined processes are critical components of Arlington's plan for growing an Innovation Economy. The County's own data does not demonstrate evidence of a towing problem or need for the second signature requirement. The consideration a regulatory requirement to address an issue where there is no demonstrated need creates serious concerns about the county processes and Arlington's commitment to being the simple and easy choice for doing business.

In summary, local regulations and streamlined processes that are customer service oriented and encourage existing and new businesses to invest in Arlington are essential to Arlington's economic vitality. For these reasons, the EDC strongly opposes the second signature requirement and encourages the County Board to adopt the Trespass Towing Advisory Board's draft recommendation without the second signature requirement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally J. Duran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sally J. Duran  
Chair, Economic Development Commission

cc: M. Schwartz  
C. Mitten  
V. Hoskins