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To Present and Prospective Members of the South County Federation:

As the newly elected Supervisor of the Mount Vernon District, I have been asked to provide my thoughts on what it means to be a member of the South County Federation and it is with pleasure and a privilege to do so.

I have been fortunate to work with the South County Federation and this passionate community for over 12 years and have seen how this group has the unique ability to successfully influence legislators and mobilize the area on important issues. Those of you whose associations have long been members of this organization already know the benefits it brings. However, some associations have not yet taken advantage of joining, and so I urge you to do so.

Over the last 25 years, the South County Federation has proven its ability to work together and to speak as one voice and is an invaluable resource to me. It is the organization that I look to for guidance when South County issues are brought before the full Board of Supervisors. This collaborative effort often results in favorable votes for you and your community. A perfect example of this is the extraordinary multi-year effort that the Federation coordinated to close the privately held Lorton landfill. The Federation took the lead role to organize and educate residents about the long-term impacts to the residents and County, and they made a positive difference for all of us.

The South County Federation also provides an opportunity for collaboration and building new relationships with other member organizations. This is important because learning about one another's needs leads to a better understanding of each other's issues and provides an even stronger voice when working with legislators. Working collaboratively often results in bringing positive change to the quality of life not only in one community, but in the entire southern area of the Mount Vernon District.

If your civic association is already a member of the South County Federation, I congratulate you and urge you to actively participate in the issues that are facing Fairfax County. If your association is not yet a member of the Federation, I encourage you to join and get involved. It is your involvement that will continue to bring about positive change for all of us who live, work, educate and recreate in Fairfax County.

I take this opportunity to thank the South County Federation for their collective leadership to advocate for issues on behalf of the community, for their endless volunteer hours, and for continuing to foster collaboration and communication.

Respectfully Yours in Public Service,

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