

The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

July 24, 2023

Dear Administrator Carnahan:

We write in response to GSA's call for additional information about the prospective FBI site in Springfield, Virginia and to reaffirm that selecting this site will advance racial equity and support for underserved communities. We fully support the Springfield bid and believe it will have a transformative impact for our communities.

Northern Virginia is a dynamic, majority-minority community with one of the most diverse and fastest growing populations in the nation. More than one in four Northern Virginia residents were born in a foreign country, and nearly 40 percent of our region's residents speak a language other than English at home. Fairfax County is also home to the largest number of minority-owned businesses in the Commonwealth and represents more than 600 religious congregations. By relocating the FBI headquarters to Springfield, the federal government has the opportunity to promote equity for communities that have been historically underserved.

Relocating to Springfield also offers the federal government the opportunity to help address inequities that exist in our region, particularly in the Franconia District, where the prospective FBI site is located. The immediate area within a five-mile radius of the Springfield site includes more than 27,600 residents living at less than 125% of the federal poverty level, 19,000 residents with less than a high-school diploma, 29,200 residents without health insurance, and nearly 7,500 households with limited English-speaking proficiency. Choosing Springfield as the new home for the FBI headquarters will help close the gap and provide economic opportunity to historically disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Our communities in Springfield and the surrounding area are vibrant and strong, and they will greatly benefit from the federal investment and jobs that this project would represent. Should GSA and FBI choose Springfield as the new home for the Bureau, we are ready and eager to partner on these crucial efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexandria NAACP

All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Interfaith & Government Committee

Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Urban League

Prince William NAACP

Prince William Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Virginia Asian American Chamber of Commerce