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### **Transportation Climate Initiative Dead**

The Transportation Climate Initiative is dead. The brainchild of academics and unelected bureaucrats, it would have rationed the sale of petroleum products over time by steadily increasing taxes on these products. The proceeds would have built commuter bike lanes and high rise apartment buildings atop metro stations in Northern Virginia. Over the past three years your association has devoted considerable time and resources to defeating this issue and the active involvement of members across the state was the key to its defeat.

We will perhaps never know how much of the Commonwealth's resources were wasted by the "Chief" Deputy of the Virginia DEQ during his three-year campaign to dismember Virginia's petroleum marketers and put your association out of business.

The irony is that over seven decades we have been involved in some of the most vexing public policy issues facing Virginia. Without exception, agreements have been achieved when parties of good faith worked together to reach compromise. This administration chose instead to mount a total disinformation campaign facilitated by its sympathizers in the media, and even some suppliers, to ban fossil fuels. They lost.

There will be no services.