

May 5, 2003

The Honorable Frank Wolf  
241 Cannon Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

Please help those of us who are working to preserve and protect the Manassas Battlefield. We now fear that the proposed Rt. 29 and 234 bypasses, which were intended to enrich the Battlefield, will ultimately pose a threat to the Battlefield. I was dismayed to learn that the criteria for evaluating the bypass options did not penalize a bypass alignment that would intrude on the historic landscape and/or project traffic noise into the Battlefield, or would invite commercial and residential sprawl to encroach on the very borders of the Battlefield, or would devastate the communities neighboring the Battlefield. In addition to employing analytical standards that disregard the future vitality and integrity of the Battlefield and its environs, Parsons Transportation Group failed to conduct a cost comparison analysis of the bypass options, or to compare how effectively the various alternatives would relieve traffic congestion.

You have been a stalwart supporter of the Manassas Battlefield, and we greatly appreciate the efforts to preserve our heritage that you have repeatedly made in the past. Once again we appeal to you to lend your vision and influence to ensure that acquiring these bypasses will benefit the Battlefield as you and the other members of Congress intended in 1988.

Appreciating your every consideration, I am

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