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**STUART SUPPORTS DEL. WITTMAN'S EFFORT TO PUT NORRIS
BRIDGE ON VDOT SIX-YR PLAN**

**- CONCERNS OVER PIN IN BRIDGE CAUSES VDOT TO
PLACE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON BRIDGE -**

MONTROSS – Former Westmoreland County Commonwealth's Attorney and Virginia Senate 28th District Republican candidate Richard Stuart today voiced his support of Delegate Rob Wittman's efforts to put the Robert O. Norris, Jr., Memorial Bridge on VDOT's Six-Year Plan. This follows VDOT action to immediately lower the posted weight limit for single-unit trucks and tractor trailers yesterday upon discovery of a problem with one of the pins holding the bridge together.

"I applaud VDOT's efficient examination of the bridges in this area and their prompt action to ensure the safety of drivers using the bridge," said Stuart. "I support the efforts of Delegate Wittman and will work with him to get the Norris Bridge on the six-year transportation plan so that we can ensure the safety of this important bridge for years to come."

Delegate Wittman today announced that he will spearhead an initiative to obtain the support of the counties and towns in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to request the Norris Bridge be placed in the VDOT Six Year Transportation Plan. Additionally, members of Congress, including Congresswoman JoAnn Davis, will be contacted for support. Congress is currently considering the addition of \$1 billion to the federal bridge construction allocation to states.

"As Senator, I will do all that I can to assure that safety and economic concerns surrounding the current bridge conditions are a priority," said Stuart. "It is vital that we work together to get a plan for the replacement of this bridge on a quick timetable for the safety of users of the bridge and economic growth for this region. I look forward to working with Delegate Wittman on this effort."

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