



Town of Clifton, Virginia  
P.O. Box 309  
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December 10, 2024

**Chairman Jeffrey McKay**  
County Executive Bryan Hill  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035

Dear Chairman McKay and Mr. Hill,

Recently it has come to our attention that ending Basic Life Support service as a function of the Clifton Fire and Rescue Station has been proposed as a means of reducing costs in Fairfax County's budget. Before such budget conversations begin in earnest this year, we want to take the opportunity to express our vehement disagreement with this proposal.

As you both likely know, the Clifton Fire and Rescue Station not only serves our citizens within town limits, but also all of the surrounding neighborhoods that make up Clifton. Many of our residents live along dark and winding roads, often well off the main roads that connect our area to the rest of Fairfax County. We are a community that has had to rely on the life saving services of the Clifton Fire and Rescue Station countless times. In the last few months alone, we have had several residents who might have had very different outcomes if they had been waiting for an ambulance that was farther away.

We understand your responsibility to act as fiscal stewards for our community. As fellow public servants, we know that is no easy task, but we hope as you weigh the options before you that the life and health of our residents will be front of mind. Removing these life saving services would be devastating for our community and we respectfully ask that this proposal be removed from consideration.

Thank you both for your service to our County.

Sincerely,

Tom Peterson, Mayor

Regan McDonald, Vice Mayor

Mary Hess, Councilmember

Stephen Effros,  
Councilmember

Lynn Screen, Councilmember

Jay Davis, Councilmember