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Mr. Greg Slater  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076

May 21, 2020

Dear Secretary Slater:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), thank you for your commitment to the Purple Line light rail project. As you know, MCCC advocates for our members to be able to compete in a globally and regionally competitive marketplace by promoting opportunities and removing barriers. A large part of that means ensuring that there are strategies in place that address the county, the state, and the region's infrastructure and transportation challenges. We strongly believe that the Purple Line is a key part of that achieving that goal.

MCCC has been a long-time supporter of the Purple Line project, having advocated on behalf of the project from the very beginning. Because it links Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and complements already existing infrastructure, like Metro and MARC, the project not only promises to address transportation needs of residents in and around the area, but it also serves to be an economic development driver in the region.

As one of one of the largest public-private partnership (P3) in the country today, all eyes are on the Purple Line project as it continues to move forward. That is why we continue to stay involved in Purple Line advocacy efforts, as we believe it is very important for this project to succeed.

Given the Purple Line's importance, we were very concerned to learn of the Purple Line Transit Constructor's (PLTC) threat to walk away from the project. While we take no position on the dispute and understand that matters like these are complicated, we look forward to the state and MDOT/taking the lead in finding a resolution. We urge you to work with all stakeholders in exploring all feasible options and determining the best path forward to keep the Purple Line on track and moving forward. The stakes are simply too high to do anything less.

Thank you, again, for the Administration's support of this project. We know you, like us, understand and appreciate its significance not only for the two counties through which it runs but for the state and for the region. We urge your leadership, once more, in tackling and resolving this challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Godwin".

Georgette "Gigi" Godwin  
President and CEO

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