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HOUSE BILL 285 - WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP ACT

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

SUPPORT

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce ("MCCC"), as the voice of Montgomery County business, **supports House Bill 285** which requires that two regular members and one alternate member of the board of directors of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; requires one regular member of the board of directors of the Commission who is appointed by the Governor to be a resident of Montgomery County or Prince George's County; etc.

Maryland is a strong and willing partner in making the WMATA Metrorail system world class to serve a global gateway region. The entire state benefits from the commerce and prosperity that a safe, reliable and accessible transit system provides. However, Montgomery County and Prince George's County are the two local jurisdictions that have Metrorail infrastructure as part of their land use and commuting patterns. It is therefore important that the local perspective is represented on the Safety Commission.

For these reasons, we request a **favorable report** on House Bill 285.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) accelerates the success of our members by advocating for increased business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national and global location for business success.

Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and is proud to be a Montgomery County Green Certified Business.