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**HOUSE BILL 552: Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue -
Increased Local Share**

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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SUPPORT

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce ("MCCC"), as the voice of Montgomery County business, **supports House Bill 552** which allocates specified motor fuel tax revenue to a specified account that is shared with local governments and increases the portion of highway user revenue that is distributed to local governments.

Highway User Revenues were first cut by 96% in 2009 when the State's economy took a significant downturn. These monies were used to backfill the State's budget and continue to be used in this fashion. Full funding has yet to be restored. Counties and municipalities use these monies primarily for road maintenance and safety related road projects. The proposed legislation calls for increased percentages for counties and municipalities. This will allow local governments to address roadway maintenance and safety related projects more efficiently and effectively.

For these reasons, we request a **favorable report** on House Bill 552.

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.

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