

**LOCAL BILL MC PG 104-17:****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE – EXEMPTIONS****LOCAL BILL HEARING****DECEMBER 7, 2016****SUPPORT**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce ("MCCC") **supports MC PG 104-17**, which authorizes the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant an exemption from a system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission under certain circumstances for certain properties that are exempt from federal taxation and the primary mission and purpose of which are to provide programs and services to youth, for properties that are primarily used for child care or after-school care, or for distilleries, breweries, and wineries; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary District and the system development charge.

When businesses succeed, our community prospers. At the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), our goal is to accelerate the success of our members. Much attention has been given to the fact that our local economy will benefit from greater diversification. A new industry that has gained traction is craft brewing, wineries and distilleries. The start-up costs for this capital intensive work are not insignificant. Therefore, an exemption from the system development charge seems reasonable and is an important way to support the growth and success of businesses in this sector.

For these reasons, we request a **favorable report on MC PG 104-17**.

*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.*