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Mr. Pete Rahn
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

Mr. Gregory Slater
Administrator
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3601

Dear Secretary Rahn and Administrator Slater:

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) appreciated your presentation and the robust discussion that took place at the Montgomery County Council on March 19, 2019 about the ongoing public-private partnership (P3) process under the Governor's Traffic Relief Plan. MCCC supports the use of a P3 to deliver these benefits to the American Legion Bridge and I-270.

For many years, MCCC has been a leading voice for transportation investments in our region -- across all modes -- including Metro funding, the Purple Line, the Intercounty Connector, the Corridor Cities Transitway, and other key projects that keep our members moving, expand economic opportunity, and protect our environment. That is why we write to express our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation's efforts to move forward with Phase 1 of the Governor's Traffic Relief Plan.

Two of the key elements of the State's Maryland Traffic Relief Plan, widening I-270 to Frederick, and relieving congestion on the American Legion Bridge, have been listed as Montgomery County's top transportation priorities for decades. For this reason, we encourage State and local leaders to work with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its State Highway Administration (SHA) to move this ongoing initiative forward as swiftly as possible so that our members can take full advantage of the improvements this project will make to our region's economy and quality of life.

We appreciate the continuing engagement on this matter and look forward to being a continued partner in this and future projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Georgette Godwin".

Georgette Godwin
President and CEO

cc: Governor Lawrence Hogan, Jr.
Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich
Montgomery County Council President Navarro and members of the County Council
Montgomery County Delegation Chairs Senator Craig Zucker and Delegate Marc Korman and members of the Delegation

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