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## **Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Statement Regarding Hate and Discrimination**

Diversity is one of Montgomery County's greatest strengths, and we are proud to live in a community in which diversity is celebrated. We condemn racist and discriminatory speech and acts, including the escalation in hate crimes and speech that has been aimed at Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Hate speech and hate crimes committed against anyone in our community threaten the safety and mental health of everyone in the communities it touches.

Last year, we joined other Montgomery County business organizations in committing to addressing racism and economic inequity in our county as well as expanding opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs of color. We remain committed to these efforts, reiterating the importance of ensuring that all segments of our community can play a significant role in our future prosperity and continuing to have honest conversations related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how we can support these efforts.

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### *About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce*

*The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) is a membership organization that accelerates members' success through effective advocacy, programs, and events. Its membership includes small, medium, and large organizations representing a wide range of industries. For more information, visit [www.mccc.md.com](http://www.mccc.md.com).*

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