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Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-07, Telecommunications Towers - Limited Use

Public Hearing
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SUPPORT

Montgomery County is a true economic powerhouse for our state. Montgomery County's economy can attribute its success in no small measure to being open and nimble to change and innovation. We employ hundreds of thousands of Marylanders in industries that did not exist mere decades ago, and we eagerly look forward to embracing whatever new technologies the future may hold. It is time for our laws to be as forward looking as the businesses in our county and across the state. As such, **the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports ZTA 19-07.**

Effective telecommunication is an absolute necessity for any business and our members are no different in that respect. However, many of them are finding that staying competitive and up to date can be unnecessarily difficult due to outdated rules and regulations governing telecom in our state. Further, the opportunities for innovation and advancement in health care, transportation, public safety, education, manufacturing, entertainment and many other sectors cannot be understated.

Surrounding jurisdictions like northern Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Prince George's county are moving forward in the 5G space and it is imperative to the competitiveness of Montgomery County's economy that we do the same. For these reasons, the Chamber supports ZTA 19-07 and the county's efforts on small cells. We look forward to working with the Council on amendments that will allow for a robust, competitive wireless network.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) accelerates the success of our nearly 500 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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