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The Honorable Christopher Zimmerman, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Chairman Zimmerman:

The Intercounty Connector (ICC) is the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's number one transportation priority.

Four decades of study and debate have identified the ICC as the single most important and effective project now under consideration in terms of the substantial traffic relief it has been shown to deliver for the citizens of our region. The Chamber believes construction of this facility is essential to our County's current and future mobility, prosperity and quality of life and ought to be at the very top of the Washington Region's list of transportation priorities. Not only is the ICC consistent with the Maryland Smart Growth Act of 1997, it is necessary to support decades of existing land-use planning in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. It is also consistent with the Council of Government's stated policy priority of improving road and transit connections between existing major activity centers in the region.

It has come to the Chamber's attention that traffic forecast modeling for the ICC Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be conducted using a modified version of the TPB's Version 2 model. As a stakeholder very much engaged in the ICC DEIS process, the Chamber would very much appreciate being notified of the availability and receiving all information on files, scenarios for the ICC study and other information on the model itself as well as all test outputs as soon they are released to the public.

If you have any questions regarding this request, the impacts of the ICC in previous studies, or the tremendous public support this project enjoys in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Parsons', written in a cursive style.

Richard Parsons
President