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Mr. Nicholas Ramfos
Chief, Alternative Commute Programs
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 N. Capital Street, NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Transportation Planning Board Resolution TPB SR5-2012

Dear Mr. Ramfos:

I am writing to express Montgomery County's support for the expansion of the Commuter Connections Pool Rewards program to include vanpools. This program should prove to be a valuable contribution to our regional efforts to ease traffic congestion and reduce air pollution.

As you know, forming and maintaining vanpools is a very effective way to reduce traffic congestion for trips coming from areas where transit options are limited. We anticipate a vanpool incentive program under the Pool Rewards approach will increase the number of vanpools serving worksites in Montgomery County and will also help attract larger numbers of riders to those vanpools to enable them to remain viable.

We look forward to working with COG and the Commuter Connections program to make this program successful.

Sincerely,

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