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The Honorable Larry Hogan, Jr.  
Governor, State of Maryland  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Brian Frosh  
Attorney General, State of Maryland  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Secretary Pete Rahn  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076-0548

Re: Purple Line

Dear Governor Hogan; MD Attorney General Frosh; and Secretary Pete Rahn:

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) finds the May 22, 2017 ruling by a federal judge on the Purple Line to be unacceptable. We urge you to take immediate and decisive action on this time sensitive ruling.

Failure to act will result in the loss of almost \$1 billion in federal funding and further penalties in State payouts to the concessionaire.

Investment in infrastructure is key to remaining relevant and competitive in today's world. The innovative Public Private Partnership under new Maryland legislation will help make this vision a reality.

Therefore, we urge you to:

- **Pursue an expedited appeals process.**  
We have confirmed with national environmental counsel that the judge's decision is wrong on the law. The ruling has nothing to do with NEPA environmental resources and it ignores the project's stated public Purpose and Need.

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- **Move quickly to work with the federal partners to conduct a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.**  
This will satisfy the judge and should allow the project to proceed.
- **Work with the Maryland Congressional Delegation to protect \$900 million in federal funding.**

Extraordinary public and private interests are at stake. The Purple Line is in the strategic interest of the national capital region. There are numerous private projects up and down the route that produce jobs, increase productivity and attract investment. These interests must be considered before this opportunity is lost.

It is critical for Maryland to act quickly in order to get the Purple Line back on track. We cannot afford to jeopardize the federal, state and private investment slated for this important regional economic and transportation project.

We are looking to you to marshal Maryland's legal resources for the Purple Line. We stand ready to assist in your efforts in any way possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Georgette "Gigi" Godwin  
President and CEO

cc:

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen

Congressman Jamie Raskin

Congressman Anthony Brown

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