

HOUSE BILL 116 I–270 Commuter Bus Route Study

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One of our legislative priority topics is transportation. The transportation core issue is: Traffic congestion and lack of mass transit service to centers for business and education activities hampers State and County economic growth and hurts the wellbeing of our residents.

CfM supports HB116 – I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study requiring the Department of Transportation to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing certain commuter bus routes along the I–270 corridor. I-270 is an integral part of our transportation infrastructure. Increasing transit capacity along the corridor would great improve mobility along I-270. We ask for a favorable report on HB116.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important Bill. The Committee for Montgomery is requesting a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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Committee for Montgomery, Board of Directors