



Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce

*In Support of
House Bill 410—Transportation-Highway User Revenue--Distribution*

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House Environment and Transportation Committee*

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 550 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill 410—Transportation—Highway User Revenue--Distribution.

House Bill 410 increases the share of funds from the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account that the Maryland Department of Transportation must annually provide to local governments through capital transportation grants. This is achieved by making permanent the distribution in effect for FYs 20 through 24. Funding critical transportation projects of all kinds is important to expanding economic development in the region. The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce understands that increased growth and development depends on access to transportation. This bill, if passed, would provide much needed support for important transportation projects in Montgomery County.

For this reason, we enthusiastically support House Bill 410 and urge a favorable vote.