

## Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce

In Support of
House Bill 467---Metro Funding Modification Act of 2025

February 11, 2025 House Appropriations Committee

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 600 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 467—Metro Funding Modification Act of 2025.

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce supports measures that strengthen all facets of transportation infrastructure, including transit. The Metro system, in particular, is crucial to our region's economy. Development around existing transit, like Metro, attracts new businesses and residents, reduces reliance on single-occupancy vehicles and improves quality of life. This is why we strongly supported legislation that was introduced and passed in 2018 to establish dedicated funding for WMATA and why we continue to support legislation to update this funding formula.

For these reasons, we would respectfully request a favorable vote on House Bill 467. And we thank Delegate Korman for his continued leadership on this important issue.