



March 5, 2025

The Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair  
The Honorable Mark Chang, Vice Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**SUBJECT: Committee for Montgomery Supports HB 1206 - Montgomery County - Silver Spring Purple Line Construction Zone Parking Improvement Grant Program MC 16-25**

Dear Chair Delegate Barnes, Vice Chair Delegate Chang, and Members of the House Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of the Committee for Montgomery, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 1206. The Committee for Montgomery (CfM) is a cross-section of Montgomery County business, labor, education, civic, arts, and community-based organizations. Our mission is to advocate in Annapolis on issues of importance to Montgomery County and the State.

HB 1206 would establish a Silver Spring Purple Line Construction Zone Parking Improvement Grant Program. This critical initiative would provide much-needed funding to improve parking options in the Silver Spring area during the Purple Line's construction, addressing significant transportation and accessibility challenges that local residents, businesses, and commuters face.

The establishment of the \$50,000 annual appropriation in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for this program is vital in ensuring that parking needs are met while the Purple Line project is underway. By directing funds toward parking improvements, this bill will alleviate the burden on local businesses and residents who rely on accessible parking options during construction, helping to maintain the flow of economic activity and convenience for those who depend on the area.

We believe that HB1 206 will have a substantial positive impact on the quality of life for those living and working in Silver Spring and will help foster a more efficient and accessible transportation system once the Purple Line is completed. For these reasons, the Committee for Montgomery fully supports this bill and urges the House Appropriations Committee to approve HB 1206.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We are confident that the passage of this bill will significantly contribute to the success of the Purple Line project and the well-being of the local community.

Sincerely,

Victoria Leonard,  
2024/25 Committee for Montgomery Chair