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CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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

*In Support of*  
*Senate Bill 281—Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026*  
*February 3, 2026*  
*Senate Budget and Taxation Committee*

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 650 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill 281—Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026.

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 have strongly supported previously introduced legislation to address 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 Senate Bill 281. And we thank Senator Augustine for his continued leadership on this important issue.