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VIA EMAIL

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Montgomery County Council President Sidney Katz
and Members of the Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue, Sixth Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Bill 16-20, Economic Development Fund – Public Health Emergency Grant Program – Established
Written Comments for the County Council’s Public Hearing

Dear Council President Katz and Members of the Montgomery County Council:

On behalf of The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (the “Greater Bethesda Chamber”), thank you for your quick response to the current COVID -19 Emergency and support of local business through this legislation that would provide \$20,000 for Public Health Emergency Grant Program.

Your support of the business community and the current crisis is truly appreciated by our chamber and all of the businesses in our community. In particular, we support all aspects of the package including the recommended amendment that would include the carve-out for restaurants and retail establishments. We support the recommended points in the letter relayed to you by the Montgomery County Chamber. In addition, we ask that this program is rolled out as quickly as possible to Montgomery County businesses.

To that end, we stand ready to work with the County Council and Montgomery County government in relaying information to the business community and working with you to help them receive the help they need.

Thank you for all of your work and passion for the people and businesses in our County and State and for your consideration of our remarks.

Sincerely,

Ginanne M. Italiano
President & CEO
The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce