



September 1, 2017

Mr. Mark Schwartz Arlington County Manager 2100 Clarendon Boulevard Suite 302 Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce offers our support for the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Platform Location #2, endorsing this option which is supported by the commercial members of the Crystal City Citizen Review Council in their August 8 letter. We echo their sentiments that this option best positions Crystal City and the greater County as a regional multi-modal transit hub.

We appreciate the diligence that the commercial members of the Crystal City Citizen Review Council displayed by researching the number of jobs encompassed by the half-mile radius surrounded by each location option, and support their assertion that as a result of this data, Location #2 best captures the current climate as well as plans for the future. The direct connection to Metro that Location #2 offers via the new planned Metro entrance is vital to success accomplishing current and future transit goals.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate the County's continued strong commitment to regional multi-modal transportation.

Sincerely,

Kate Bates
President & CEO

CC: Arlington County Board

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