



October 10, 2022

Jennifer DeBruhl
Board Chair
Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
919 East Main Street, Suite 2400
Richmond, VA 23219

To Chair DeBruhl,

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce expresses our support for the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) to join into an agreement with the Maryland Transportation Authority to bring through-running MARC train service to Northern Virginia.

The Chamber supports expanding our infrastructure to allow for Arlington's workforce to more efficiently and quickly commute to their place of work. As cited in National Landing BID's September 26 letter, an analysis by JBG SMITH and the Greater Washington Partnership found that through-running would bring more than 765,000 people within a 60-minute transit commute of Arlington. Through-running train service would leverage Virginia's existing train infrastructure to further boost economic development.

We urge VPRA to collaborate with the Maryland Transportation Authority to reach an agreement in order to make through-running MARC trains a reality. We appreciate VPRA's efforts to expand passenger rail service in our region, and hope that a service agreement would complement this expansion. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Bates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Bates
President & CEO