

October 23, 2009

The Honorable Phil Andrews
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Council President Andrews:

The Tech Council of Maryland (TCM), Maryland's largest technology association with over 500 members employing more than 200,000 people, strongly urges your support for two transportation projects vital to the Montgomery County's technology corridor. TCM requests that you and members of the Montgomery County Council recommend to the Governor that he proceed with widening of Interstate 270 and the construction of the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT).

These infrastructure improvements are vital to the development of Montgomery County as the preeminent location for the region's most innovative companies. Technology and biotechnology companies create high-paying jobs, life-saving innovations and encourage environmentally friendly development. Your support for these projects is a vote for a better quality of life and the right kind of economic development that every community covets. Montgomery County, we believe, is uniquely positioned to be an international leader in innovation.

Again, we ask for your support of widening Interstate 270 and constructing the CCT. Montgomery County's high-tech companies strongly support these projects and urge you to do the same. Please contact me directly when you need assistance with anything related to tech or biotech economic development. I can be reached anytime at 240-243-4080 or rwinsky@techcouncilmd.com.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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