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Mr. Alan H. Straus
Maryland Highway Administration
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Dear Mr. Straus:

For a variety of reasons, I **SUPPORT** the construction of the InterCounty Connector along the master plan alignment. Moreover, I urge Maryland's Department of Transportation to commence construction of the InterCounty Connector as soon as practical.

I foresee a variety of benefits to the InterCounty Connector including the ones listed here.

- Relief from daily traffic congestion.
- Improved access to BWI Airport and Maryland destinations.
- Reduced travel time between I-270 and I-95.
- Added employment opportunities for residents of both counties.
- Enriched transportation environment for growing and mature business.

Conversely, if the InterCounty Connector is not built, I suspect business will continue the migration to Virginia. I also believe the 47 year construction delay has negatively impacted the economic well being of Montgomery and Prince George Counties. Indeed, the inconvenience of lost time and routine traffic congestion has restricted employment opportunities and hampered economic growth.

I reiterate: I want the State to authorize construction of the InterCounty Connector for the benefit of the citizenry and companies of Maryland.

Thank you for you consideration.

Sincerely,


J.D. Murphy, Jr.
President