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The Honorable Gabe Alborno, President
Montgomery County Council
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Dear Council President Alborno,

The Mayor and Council of Rockville thank you and the members of the County Council for the opportunity to provide the City's comments on Expedited Bill 2-22. This legislation is a tremendous step forward for Rockville and all of Montgomery County's municipalities.

We are extremely pleased with the collaborative negotiation process undertaken by the Office of the County Executive, led by Chief Administrative Officer Rich Madaleno, Ken Hartman, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Rockville Councilmember Monique Ashton, President of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Montgomery Chapter and brings equity to those who pay municipal taxes on top of County. Expedited Bill 2-22, and the FY 22 \$5 million Special Appropriation to the Operating Budget for payments to municipalities, are the results of this successful process. We strongly support both measures.

Expedited Bill 2-22 codifies the municipal tax duplication formulas; alters the County Code to allow for reimbursement for Policing services; and sets forth an annual timeline for certifications, notifications and payments - all of which are key priorities of Rockville and the MML Montgomery Chapter. Through a phased-in approach, Expedited Bill 2-22 achieves full funding in FY25. This solution is long overdue and will help us to address shortfalls created in previously underfunded years. Additionally, this priority legislation fosters a well-maintained transportation infrastructure network and superior police services, which support our residents and businesses. Please vote to approve Expedited Bill 2-22 as soon as possible, so that the revised formulas take effect in FY23, as proposed by the County Executive.

In closing, we thank Council President Alborno for sponsoring Expedited Bill 2-22, Councilmember Hucker, as a former sponsor in his role as Council President, Councilmember Navarro and the GO Committee for crafting a path forward, and Councilmember Katz and the County Council for your ongoing support.

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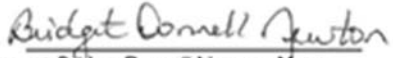

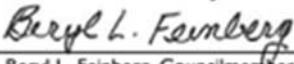
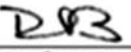
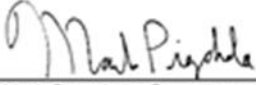
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Through an unprecedented level of partnership between the County and municipalities, we have finally achieved a resolution to this longstanding issue.

Sincerely,

 Bridget Donnell Newton, Mayor	
 Monique Ashton, Councilmember	 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
 David Myles, Councilmember	 Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

Rockville Mayor and Council

cc: Montgomery County Councilmembers