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March 6, 2023

The Honorable Robin Carnahan  
Administrator of General Services  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Carnahan:

We are writing to express our full support of Prince George's County bid to become the home for the FBI's new consolidated headquarters. Prince George's County is our neighbor to the east and is the second most populous jurisdiction in Maryland. It borders the District of Columbia on the Northeast and Southeast side of the city. Prince George's County is clearly the best location because it meets the sensible criteria set by the GSA in 2012 to focus on access to transit, cost, and environmental impact. The Greenbelt and Landover sites are superior to the Springfield, VA option on all three criteria. In addition, consolidating the FBI headquarters in Greenbelt or Landover will advance the equity and the climate goals of the Biden-Harris Administration, spur economic development and opportunity in a majority-Black and Brown County, and enabling the agency to tap into an underutilized pool of talent.

The case for why Prince George's is the best location for a new consolidated FBI headquarters boils down to five important points that we would like to elaborate on. The first is equity. We wholeheartedly agree with Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks that ["the New FBI site is a matter of equity."](#) Just last month, the Biden-Harris administration continued its recognition of the need to address historic inequities when President Biden signed the new Executive Order, [Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#). That order recognizes the achievements of this administration in approaching issues through an equity lens, as well as the work ahead as well as the responsibility of the Federal government to distribute resources equitably to communities of color to help right historical wrongs. Fairfax County has long been the beneficiary of government investment, with more than triple the number of federal employees. To pursue an equitable approach requires key investments in areas

with historic underfunding. The placement of the new consolidated FBI headquarters would be a significant decision to advance the Administration's equity goals.

Second, access to transit. Both Prince George's sites are accessible to excellent transit networks, and the Greenbelt site in particular offers access to Metrorail, meaning it will not exacerbate our current climate crisis and our regional traffic congestion by putting more cars on the road.


Third, Prince George's County is the best choice for the FBI in order to leverage a talented and educated workforce and several world-class research and education institutions close by. And thanks to the federal, state and local investments in the Purple Line, Montgomery and Prince George's County will soon be more connected than ever. This will bring exciting opportunities for workforce development to the FBI going forward.

Fourth, significant savings for American taxpayers. The Prince George's County sites will save significant taxpayer dollars. Unlike the site in Virginia, both Prince George's options are build ready – and can deliver a headquarters a full 2-4 years before Virginia, saving taxpayers an estimated \$250-\$500 million.

Finally, it's clear that the new headquarters would have the greatest positive economic impact for the entire Washington region if it is located in Prince George's County. Median incomes are 48% lower in Prince George's County than in Fairfax, Virginia, and 18% lower than in other jurisdictions in our region, in no small part because of the historic inequities created by the disparities in federal investment. Now is the time for the Biden-Harris Administration to address that disparity.

Like Prince George's County, Montgomery County is home to thousands of FBI employees and contractors, and will be significantly affected by this decision. We have supported Prince George's bid for the FBI since the process began in 2012. The Washington metropolitan area is fortunate to have so much talent and resources. As a neighboring jurisdiction, we believe it is time to balance the growth of our region, so we urge you and others to select Prince George's County to balance that growth for the betterment of the region. It would be the right thing for FBI employees, for the climate, for our transportation network, and for taxpayers by siting the FBI headquarters in Prince George's County.

Sincerely,



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County Executive



Evan Glass  
Council President