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Dear County Executive Leggett,

Please see the attached letter from the Montgomery County Civic Federation regarding the Transit Task Force process.

Carole Ann Barth  
MCCF President

On a personal note, Ike, let me say that this issue has reminded me of your eloquent inaugural address in 2006 when you said

I will make every effort to establish a highly inclusionary, transparent form of government. Those affected by our decisions must be involved from the very beginning, not when assumptions about projects have hardened into stone, and the train has all but left the proverbial station.

I appreciate the difficulties of incorporating a robust public involvement process in such a far-reaching undertaking, but I have confidence in your ability to create a process that is both open and responsive.

I am also concerned that some RTV proponents have characterized citizens who are questioning the scope and assumptions of the Task Force's report as NIMBYs or anti-smart growth. As you said in 2006, ". . . it is not a bad thing to care about preserving the quality of life for your family and your neighbors- the quality of life that drew most of us here in the first place. That's anything but selfish; it's honorable!" I hope that as we work through the issues surrounding the Transit Task Force process we can move beyond the invective.

Carole