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Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Suite 300
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Chairman Garvey:

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce expresses our support for the County Manager's recommended modifications to Phase II of Long Bridge Park including the scaled-back aquatics and fitness facility. We support the project with the County funds not to exceed the allocated capital funding for the project. However, we are open to the possibility of a further enhanced facility should other public or private partners emerge.

In addition to the great benefits that the proposed facility will offer to residents as outlined by a number of community groups, the facility will offer a competitive advantage in the commercial market as well.

As Crystal City continues to transform its identity and decrease its commercial vacancy rate post BRAC, the proposed facility demonstrates the County's commitment to its role in the transformation of the area, just as private partners have demonstrated their commitments through a variety of innovative projects. Thank you for your consideration.

One of Arlington's main assets is the employee talent pool we have residing in our County. The proposed facility will help attract and retain this talent as well as the businesses looking to employ them.

Sincerely,



Kate Bates
President & CEO

CC: Arlington County Board members Jay Fisette, John Vihstadt, Katie Cristol, Christian Dorsey and County Manager Mark Schwartz