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Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
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Arlington, Virginia 22201



Dear Chairman Hynes:



The Chamber recently reached out to our retail and restaurant members regarding the proposed parking meter hour changes from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The feedback we received was unanimously in opposition to the extension of parking meter hours. As you can imagine, such strong conviction from our members most affected holds significant weight with the Chamber.



The Arlington Chamber represents 700 businesses with an interest in Arlington County. We appreciate the planning theory that increasing parking meters and hours can in fact lead to more parking spaces available and thus more people willing to drive to an area to frequent businesses. However, our retail and restaurant members who have practical experience with parking issues and are the most invested in any changes do not believe that the proposed changed will produce the intended result.



Thus, the Chamber respectfully requests that the Board not adopt the proposed extension of parking meter hours from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and instead convene stakeholders to reach a consensus on a more appropriate approach.



Sincerely,

Kevin Shooshan
Chair

Kate Roche
President & CEO



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CC: Arlington County Board members Jay Fisette, Libby Garvey, Walter Tejada, John Vihstadt

