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January 30, 2024

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United States Senate
10201 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy - Suite 210
Bowie, MD 20721

Hon. Chris Van Hollen
United States Senate
1101 Mercantile Lane - Suite 210
Largo, MD 20774

Hon. Steny Hoyer – 5th District
United States House of Representatives
6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310
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Hon. Glenn F. Ivey – 4th District
United States House of Representatives
1101 Mercantile Lane, Suite 220
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Dear Member of Maryland's Congressional Delegation:

With deep appreciation for your strong leadership and steadfast advocacy, the Prince George's County Council was pleased to stand with our esteemed federal partners, and state and local leaders last November, for a united celebration of the GSA decision relocating the decaying FBI headquarters to the Greenbelt site in Prince George's County.

Despite unwarranted criticism about the site selection process from those who lost the bid, we know the final GSA decision is the correct one, benefitting both community and country. Prince George's County is the best possible choice for the new, consolidated FBI headquarters. The winning Greenbelt site has the transit access; is poised to deliver the project on time; saves critical tax dollars; and successfully addresses federal government concerns around security and equity.

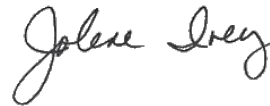
Meaningful federal investment in Prince George's County is a solid step toward achieving generational transformation and investment for our community, including thousands of well-paying jobs.

This is a major win, but the fight is not over. While falling chunks of the current FBI building continue to endanger the safety of federal employees and visitors, the Virginia Delegation remains intent on derailing relocation to Maryland. These lawmakers, ignoring both the merits of the Greenbelt site and the urgency to start construction, continue to push for an unnecessary delay pending completion of an Inspector General evaluation. Both processes can and should proceed concurrently.

We share your concern and dismay about continuing efforts to stall this critical project unless it comes to Virginia, and we strongly agree with you that “the only thing the delay requested by the Virginia Delegation would accomplish is to subject the FBI employees and the general public to a dangerous, unhealthy environment and substantially increase the cost to the taxpayer.”

Thank you for continuing to work together with us to ensure that Congress fulfills the promise to welcome the FBI headquarters to its new home in Greenbelt and expand economic opportunity in Prince George’s County and the great state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jolene Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Hon. Jolene Ivey
Chair, Prince George’s County Council