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GREATER WASHINGTON PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT ON GRTC PULSE LAUNCH

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Jason Miller, CEO of the Greater Washington Partnership, today released the following statement in response to the launch of the GRTC Pulse rapid transit bus line:

"Richmond takes a bold step toward growing a more inclusive economy," said **Greater Washington Partnership CEO Jason Miller**. "With a strong vision and the commitment to see it through, leaders throughout Richmond have delivered on a transformative promise: to provide a modern, efficient transit system that will allow people to access jobs, schools and all the cultural destinations that make Richmond great.

"The Pulse—Richmond's first rapid transit line—is not just a successful transportation project; it is a demonstration of what can happen when a community works together toward a common goal. Richmond is taking bold steps once considered impossible and in doing so is quickly becoming a national leader by redrawing every bus route and re-evaluating every bus stop to make the system faster, more reliable and easier to use. The Greater Washington Partnership congratulates Richmond and GRTC for setting expectations high—and meeting them."

For more information about the Greater Washington Partnership or to speak to Jason Miller, contact Steven Chlapecka at <u>skc@greaterwashigntonpartnership.com</u> or call 202.871.9914.

About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the region, drawing from the leading employers and entrepreneurs committed to making the Capital Region from Baltimore to Richmond—one of the world's best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region's extraordinary assets to advance inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen Greater Washington as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.