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Greater Washington Partnership Releases Principles to Guide Safe Reopening of the Capital Region Economy

Washington, D.C.—The Greater Washington Partnership today released the following set of principles to help guide a safe and gradual reopening of the Capital Region economy:

“Together we face a trying and unprecedented time.

As a civic alliance of CEOs, the Greater Washington Partnership proudly employs over 250,000 residents of the Capital Region, many of whom are on the front lines as healthcare workers, essential service providers, and researchers working on a vaccine. Our families, colleagues, businesses and communities have all been impacted by COVID-19 and we are committed to supporting the Capital Region through this difficult time by working with our partners and elected leaders throughout the region - and at the federal level - to deliver expeditiously on the health, wellness and economic security needed during and after this health crisis.

The Partnership is about solutions and unity, bringing people, organizations, and jurisdictions together to make the Capital Region the world’s best place to live, work, raise a family, and build a business. As we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19, we stand together with our elected leaders in putting the health and safety of the Capital Region of Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond first. As the public and private sectors across the Capital Region begin to undertake the difficult task of safely and gradually reopening our economy, we are committed to the following principles:

The health and safety of our workforce comes first. Any plan to safely and gradually reopen the Capital Region must (i) be guided by data and science from public health and emergency response experts, informed by an essential increase in testing capacity and contact tracing, to (ii) prioritize the health and safety of workers, many of which are front line heroes, and their families.

Strong and coordinated regional alignment is necessary. Coordinated public and private alignment across Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia is absolutely necessary. This will enable businesses of all sizes to plan, prepare for and execute a safe reopening and facilitate the most effective recovery possible, as COVID-19 does not know jurisdictional boundaries, taking into



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account a variety of factors including school openings and closings, availability of public transportation and the density of various areas within our region, among other factors.

Any re-openings or expansion of current operations must be gradual and methodical to instill confidence. Any plan to safely reopen the Capital Region's economy must be phased and gradual. It must be based on data, to ensure that workers and residents have both the protection and the confidence necessary to return to their workplaces, for those that have been closed or further resume and expand for those currently operating, enabling a safe and stable recovery. We are committed to sharing critical data and developing resources to share more broadly with the region.

Collaboration and information sharing between public and private sector leaders is essential. We are committed to working with our elected leaders and public health officials to develop and implement a range of policy solutions in support of the Capital Region. We understand that without a thoughtful, coordinated approach our economy will be operating with limitations.

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 the Capital Region as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

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