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Greater Washington Partnership Welcomes Two New Board Members

Kristin Lesher, Executive Vice President and Head of Middle Market Banking at Wells Fargo, and Ann Ramakumaran, Founder and Chief Executive Officer at Ampcus Inc. are the newest leaders elected to Partnership's Board of Directors

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday, June 14, the Greater Washington Partnership elected Kristin Lesher, Executive Vice President and Head of Middle Market Banking at Wells Fargo, and Ann Ramakumaran, Founder and Chief Executive Officer at Ampcus Inc., to the Partnership's Board of Directors. Lesher replaces Nate Hurst as Well Fargo's representative on the Partnership Board.

"I am thrilled to welcome Kristin and Ann to the Partnership Board," said **Peter Scher, Vice Chairman at JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Board Chair of the Partnership**. "Ann and Kristin's expertise and experience will be instrumental in supporting our efforts to build an economic future for the entire region, a future based on innovation, opportunity and inclusion."

Kristin Lesher is an executive vice president and head of Middle Market Banking within the Wells Fargo Commercial Banking organization and has held several progressive leadership roles since joining the company in 2000. Middle Market Banking provides a comprehensive suite of products and services to serve the diverse needs of clients with annual revenue generally between \$10 million and \$2 billion. Most recently, she was the head of Middle Market Banking's East Region where she managed operations across six divisions and 19 states spanning from Canada to Florida and over to the Mississippi river. She has served on the board of Girls on the Run International since 2012 and as Chair of the Board from 2019-2021.

"At Wells Fargo, we are committed to supporting the vibrant community in the Capital Region and I am excited to join the Greater Washington Partnership's Board of Directors to continue our collaboration with other business leaders to promote inclusive growth across the region," said Kristin Lesher, Executive Vice President at Wells Fargo and new Partnership Board Member.

Ann Ramakumaran, Founder and CEO of Ampcus Inc., is a technology savvy entrepreneur with more than 20 plus years of design, development and delivery of innovative and leading-edge technology solutions and human capital management across the globe. She has cultivated Ampcus and Ampcus group of companies into a fast-growing consulting and professional services organization. For eleven consecutive years, Ampcus has been recognized as a top Asian American-owned business by the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC) and for over twelve consecutive years honored as one of the 50 Fastest Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies by the Women Presidents Organization. Under Ann's leadership, Ampcus has made the Inc. 500/5000 list and has been recognized as a Top Diversity Business. Ann has received numerous awards and honored as Entrepreneur of the Year by Women In

Technology (WIT) and most recently inducted into the Women's Business Enterprise Hall of Fame. She serves on multiple boards including the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council, the Center for Women & Enterprise, and the USPAACC Scholarship Committee. Ann holds her bachelor's and master's degrees in business and commercial management from India and has completed executive education programs at the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

"The Greater Washington Partnership efforts to advance collaboration, diversity, and inclusion is in alignment with the values championed at Ampcus," said **Ann Ramakumaran, Founder and Chief Executive Officer at Ampcus Inc. and incoming Board Member**. "I truly believe in the mission and vision of the Greater Washington Partnership, it is amazing to see all that has been achieved so far, and I look forward to working on the Board to identify strategies to further close equity gaps and strengthen our economy, together we all win and together we all succeed."

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About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the Capital Region, drawing from the leading public, private, and nonprofit organizations committed to making the 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 catalyze inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen the Capital Region as a leading global center for commerce, innovation, and shared prosperity.