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## CB71-2016

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the above mentioned amendment and to make you aware of a questionable tactic being used by Ms Kamens to gain support for her proposal.

First, my opposition. The change being requested really makes no sense; no clarification is needed in the regulation's language. Ms Kamens is simply grabbing at straws, trying to change regulations in hopes of forcing her inherently loud business (dog boarding & training) into our neighborhood. Noise is noise - regardless of whether it is generated indoors or outside.

Second, questionable tactics. Ms Kamens has asked her Face Book friends and her clients at her Red Branch Rd facility to write letters and emails in support of CB71-2016 and has provided a template for them to use. This in itself is not questionable, the problem is that the wording in both the template and her request for help is very misleading. In them, Ms Kamens misrepresented and sensationalized the whole matter and the potential consequences of not approving the amendment. She wrote that the change will "make sure that dog daycares maintain safety standards"; that "without this amendment, dog day care as a conditional use will effectively be abolished."; and that "if you love dogs, you'll support this change". Obviously, none of these assertions are completely applicable to the amendment in question.

Thank you for your service to Howard County in general and specifically for not approving CB71-2016.

Sincerely,

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