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Council members,

The purpose of my testimony is to add to the overwhelming support for Council Bill 23-2017 and state I also support the proposed legislation.

I believe Council Bill 23 - 2017 demonstrates the Council's ability and willingness to search for and agree on an alternative to previously proposed legislation that did not work. As our county continues to build out, I believe our Council will be challenged to look "outside the box" for Alternative Solutions especially to zoning issues.

More to CB23-2017, it provides a smart alternative to previously proposed legislation, which would have been very harmful to our environment. I continue to support relief for land owners adversely impacted by property devaluation. Moreover, I support via this legislation, their ability to now participate in our Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Program and encourage them to do so.

I support Council Bill 23 - 2017 and strongly encourage the Council to vote YES and consider Alternatives as an appropriate in future zoning considerations.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my sincerely submitted testimony.

Respectfully, Richard G. Tufts Duvall Rd. Daisy