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Hello Council Members, due to a dinner for the outgoing chairman of the Ag. Pres. Board, Lynn Moore, I will be unable to be at your meeting Monday evening. We also as a board have not had time to meet for an official decision as the Ho. Co. Farm Bureau, so I wanted to let you know that I am in favor of Amendment 1 to bill CB22-2017. I am aware that it has left the restriction to Horse Riding Academies and Stables, and rightfully so they are a potential for conflict, if dust and noise were to become an issue with them, it may be very hard to make those issues go away with buffering or extra fencing, so I think it is in everyone's best interest to leave that setback in place. With the smaller acres, those below 20 in the RR, they have been looked at, and I believe the size and geography of the smaller lots, along with the lot line restrictions that are already in place, will be all that is necessary to protect animal structures from being permitted too close to neighbors. I appreciate your time and energy, that you have put into this bill and thank you all.

Sincerely, Howie Feaga

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Today, 12:37 PM CouncilMail

Hello Council Members! I am writing because I will be unable to attend your meeting, due to a dinner tonight for our outgoing chairman of the Ag. Pres. Board chairman, Lynn Moore . I wanted to let you know I am very much in favor of Amendment 1 to bill CB22-2017. As stated in my testimony to you when the bill was introduced, I feel it is unfair that farmers, who yes are landowners but are also business owners, have been asked not only in the past, but also in the future to give up part of their business assets because of homes being built beside them. Going back to the maps I handed out at the meeting, you could see how much of our business and other farm businesses have been asked to give up to our neighbors. So, I encourage you to vote in favor of CB22-2017 and Amendment 1. Thank you for all the effort you have put into this bill, and your efforts for helping agriculture to survive in Howard County!

Sincerely, Ricky Bauer

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Today, 12:45 PM CouncilMail

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Colleagues,

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From: Lynn Moore <lynnpmoore@verizon.net> Date: Monday, April 3, 2017 at 8:10 AM To: "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> Subject: CB 22

Ms. Sigaty,

I support Amendment 1 to Council Bill 22-2017. As the number of residences continue to increase in the RR and RC districts the usable size of the farms decreases. The frequent interval of housing along the farm boundaries effectively decreases our usable land. The setbacks are of no consequence when one farm adjoins another but it becomes very problematic when there are a half dozen houses along the side line. Suddenly the barn gets placed out in the middle of a crop field instead of along the edge of a field thus decreasing the size of the crop ground.

I would have preferred to testify in person this evening but I am already committed to a function with Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

I urge you to support Amendment 1 to Council Bill 22-2017.

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