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**From:** Michael Colburn <mcolburn@glwpa.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

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Sincerely,

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**From:** J Fetters <jenny\_fetters@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a resident of Howard County since 2002 and have two children in its schools. I am concerned about our weak APFO and the impact on school capacity, roads, use of land, and especially public safety. I have seen incrementally more and more crime, especially around Town Center and other parts of my zip code 21044.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Jenny Fetters  
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**From:** Jennifer Dicks <jdicks@glwpa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Jo H. <johsin08@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 1:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

Hi,

I have lived in Howard County for 5 years and have 2 kids that are preschool age. I'm worried that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for developments, Howard County schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years. This current level of development are crowding the schools that are already over capacity. In fact these developments will strain other services, such as fire, police and emergency services. The low fees that the developers pay will not adequately fund the services and other critical infrastructure necessary to support this growing population.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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- Increase real estate transfer tax by 1.0%.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Thank you for your service and for reading this letter,

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**From:** Alicia Mabry <alicia.mabry@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** Fox, Greg; CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** APFO

I am writing to you today regarding the County's APFO. While living in Maryland my whole life, my husband and I moved to Howard County in 2009 when our twin sons were born. We moved for the environment Howard County provided, but most importantly because we knew that Howard County would provide our children with the best education. My sons have attended highly rated and ranked elementary schools for four years and I'm confident that they're receiving an outstanding education. It's important that the quality of that education continue. While the schools they have attended (Waverly Elementary and Manor Woods Elementary) are both excellent, they have had to deal with portable classrooms and school expansion that impacts their ability to learn on a daily basis. These challenges are only going to get worse as we continue to see unabated development in our area.

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I love this community and am proud to have become a member. Part of that pride comes from knowing that I'm preparing my children for their future with an excellent education. Please don't jeopardize the quality education our children receive.

This is an age where we have come to recognize the power of being informed and the power of our vote. Please know my vote will always be for my children's future. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jennifer Somerville <interprajen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:17 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Hello, I have been a resident of Howard County for about 9 years, I also have worked in HC for the last 17 years. I currently have 2 children in HC schools. I have seen the overcrowding in the schools and the 'fixes' of portables. Especially at the elementary level, this is such a security risk! I do not like the idea of our youngest children leaving the building and going out to the trailers.

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**From:** Robert Smith <msmith@mitchellbest.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 6:27 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Mike Griffith <mikeg@hpsmanagement.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 5:20 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Michelle Hoy <michelleblack17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:45 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

Good evening,

My husband and I have lived in Howard County for eight years now. We moved here to raise a family and now have three small children, one of whom is attending elementary school at Manor Woods and the other two to follow shortly. We thought we were doing the best for our children by moving to such a wonderful area, but little did we know that the schools would become overcrowded, redistricting would be a possibility every couple of years and that the area would be overrun by irresponsible builders just looking to make a buck. All of the beautiful farm land and wooded lots are being developed causing crowding in our neighborhoods without proper infrastructure to support the growth. I'm deeply concerned by this trend, and am even more troubled by the fact that we, as taxpayers, are being asked to pay for such irresponsible building. I don't want anymore development. I don't want anymore overcrowding in our schools. I don't want anymore redistricting for my children. I don't want anymore traffic or congestion in our area.

Therefore, I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.

APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Our once peaceful area is becoming an crowded, congested mess at the expense of our children and our families. Please consider the repercussions of your actions before allowing builders to turn beautiful Howard County into an overcrowded disaster and making us pay for their mess. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hoy

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**From:** Tonya Tiffany <tntfitness@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO Testimony

Good evening, my name is Tonya Tiffany and I live at 10702 Judy Lane, in Columbia MD. I support the Board of Education's recommendations for APFO as well as Mr. Zhang's request to strengthen our roads test. It might be a good idea to create a sliding scale of requirements based on the size and scope of a development.

I have 2 major concerns in regards to our school systems overcapacity issues in relation to the portables in use around the county. The first concern that I have is during emergency situations and the feasibility of executing safety plans. There are several real life reasons for that concern. In January of 2016 there was a fire at Glenwood MS. The entire school (thankfully an undercapacity one) had to be evacuated and they were lucky enough that there is an elementary school across the parking lot. Then last school year at Clemens Crossing Elementary School the whole school went into a real lockdown as there was an active shooter type of situation that happened in the neighborhood. Each of these situations presented very different types of real issues for safety. Fortunately at GMS and CCES there are very few portables in use. Can you imagine the situation had either of them occurred at Howard High?

My second major concern comes in the form of health risks from compromised air quality and structural stability. Over the past several years I have been a part of a group of parents who were instrumental in the uncovering of the mold issues in our school systems. The photos that you have before you were taken last year during the efforts to figure out how to effect change. Our school system already has an existing backlog of building maintenance issues to deal with, but you also need to add in 200 individual portable buildings that must also be maintained, but many times they are ignored. Until issues become obvious enough to have to deal with them.

I would like to take you on a journey into one of the top ranked school systems in our country and a give you a sampling of how it is marred when you look at the condition of some of our portables.

#1 & 2 Patapsco Middle School

# 3 Hammond HS

#4 Howard HS

#5 Hammond HS

#6 & 7 Mt. View MS

#8 Hammond HS

#9 Deep Run ES

#10 Mt. View MS

#11 & 12 moving to the inside of the portables starts at Howard HS

#13 This is a vent on the inside of a portable at Howard HS

#14 My least favorite, but probably most impactful picture... The inside of an air vent at Glenwood MS- during the school year when the portable was in use... Thankfully this one is no longer in use!

#15 The reason why all of these parents are upset and are asking you to make the APFO more stringent- we love our students and none of them should have to walk in the rain and snow to move between classes. They shouldn't have to wait for a staff members to take them to the bathroom and they certainly shouldn't have to deal with health issues due to building issues. Let's face it our school system is already playing catch up when it comes to building maintenance, the portables add an extra 200 buildings to maintain. Please support a more stringent APFO!

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**From:** Doug Hoy <doughoy19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

My wife and I moved to Ellicott City 8 years ago from Baltimore City to raise a family in a safe environment with good schools. We have three children age 6 and under and I'm concerned that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development the schools will continue to be overcrowded and will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years. I'm also;concerned that our property taxes will be increased to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Beth Webb <bethwebb3333@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:32 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY

Dear County Council,

I have lived in Howard County for over 20 years. My husband and I have two children (ages 7 and 11) in the public schools. I am very concerned about how development is planned in Howard County, particularly as it impacts schools. The over-crowding that currently exists in some of the schools is unconscionable. As is constant redestriking that creates instability that hampers learning. As is development that is so poorly planned that students can't attend schools which they live within walking distance of and must instead be bussed elsewhere.

I believe the solution is a stronger APFO that implements the necessary restrictions and fees that allows necessary school capacity to be built where it is needed as part of the process that approves development that brings more students into the area.

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Thank you,

Beth Webb

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**From:** Shailesh deshpane <shail\_deshpande@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

Hi,

I live in Ellicott City in maryland from last 5 years. I moved to this county for the schooling systems in this area. I have a 10 year and a 5 year old boys. Thus I will be in this area until 15 more years until my younger one is out of high school. Since last five years, there are lot of changes happened. With a lot of the Housing projects sanctioned, I am concerned about the quality of life my family will be getting. I used to travel to work in columbia in abuot 20 minutes, This distance is increased to 40 minutes these days. Route-40 is very crowded in the morning time when school buses are leaving. My son is getting 20 minutes of bus time, as there are no adequate buses to support the growing populations.

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- \* Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.
- \* APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities

I truly believe in your leadership and hope for a positive response.

Thanks and regards

Shailesh Deshpande

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**From:** Betsy Hernandez Dunnigan <hernaneb@gwmail.gwu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 10:04 PM  
**To:** Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

Dear Council Members,

My husband and I have been living in Howard County for almost three years now. We currently have one child in kindergarten. Our second child will be entering kindergarten next year. Our third child will be entering kindergarten in three years.

I'm concerned that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development, the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years. My husband and I purchased our home in Turf Valley Overlook specifically for the three schools in our district--Manor Woods ES, Mount View MS, and Marriotts Ridge HS. We would be very disappointed if our children had to switch schools at any level.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure. I believe school capacity limits, which include high schools, to be set at 100%.

Schools should be closed to new development at that level. Mitigation should begin when a school reaches 95% capacity. No reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.

APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years. Additionally, APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Sincerely,

Betsy Dunnigan

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**From:** Marlene and David <sorbank@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 9:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

Greetings, members of the County Council,

I am concerned that our property taxes will be increased to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county. We are already taxed at the highest rate in Maryland and one of the highest in the country. We are paying currently the same tax rate we did in Baltimore City where we had smaller class sizes and a better teacher-student ratio for our 2 school-aged children. I'm also concerned about the increasingly overcrowded classrooms at our schools.

Our family moved to Howard County from Baltimore City just one year ago as we were attracted to the reputation of quality schools. We have 3 kids. Two are students at Manor Woods Elementary School. It was disappointing to arrive and find out that Manor Woods was suffering from overcrowding. Now we are also disappointed to discover that the forecasting and planning have not been handled better to ensure that development is managed in a manner to ensure that adequate infrastructure is funded without unreasonable increases in the tax burden.

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We sincerely hope that the Council Bill 61 will be reviewed and amended as detailed. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW!!

Dear Elected Officials,

When my family first moved into our Ellicott City home in 2007, our neighborhood was undergoing redistricting. Afterwards, we had two children enter the Howard County school system and my eldest was redistricted in 2013. This year, my neighborhood is being threatened by another redistricting. Three redistricting efforts in 10 years is ridiculous and disruptive to our children's sense of community and social lives. Howard County's weak APFO has led this county to apply this redistricting bandage to the school system every few years. Continuous development requires equal development of county infrastructure, such as with schools, roads. Yet the APFO in Howard County does not satisfy our needs.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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4. Increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the costs of new seats being added from resales.
5. Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.
6. Review and update APFO every 4 years

**Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.**

Sincerely,

Jean McCaffrey

2824 Thornbrook Rd

Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Christine Lemyze <clemuze@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 7:44 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB61

Dear Council Members,

My name is Christine Lemyze; I live at 3861 Woodville Lane in Ellicott City, 21042.

I have been a resident of Howard County for over 30 years; my husband and I picked this county primarily for the reputation of its schools. While Howard County schools are a source of pride, we have to acknowledge the persistent overcrowding issues and painful redistricting exercises which have existed for years and, as responsible government officials and citizens, strive to address them.

To that end, I am requesting that CB 61 be amended as follows (consistent with recommendations from the Board of Education, presented last week):

- School capacity limits—including high schools—to be set at 100%.
- Mitigation (funding and/or additional time) to begin when a school reaches 95% capacity
- No reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests
- APFO to be reviewed every 4 years
- APFO to include measures for *all* public facilities, including public safety, emergency services, recreation and other community facilities

Thank you.

Christine Lemyze



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Becca Mehalic <mehalic@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 7:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

To all County Council members and County Executive Allan Kittleman,

As 20-year residents of Howard County, we are concerned about the current level of development that brings tax revenue, businesses, and new residents to our county but doesn't adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a growing population (fire, police and emergency services) and protect our quality of life.

We are also concerned that our property taxes will be increased to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county.

We are requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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- Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.
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In conclusion our vote in the 2018 re-election will be dependent upon the outcome of the APFO legislation.

Rebecca and Matthew Mehalic  
3430 Rogers Avenue  
Ellicott City MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Vidya Sridhar <vidyab35@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW

Dear Council Members,

I have lived in Howard County for 20 years. I have three kids in Howard County Schools. We are affected by constant re-districting of our schools and subsequent disruption of our children's education due to weak APFO's that favor developers than tax payers. The schools are over crowded and use portables that are health hazards as a stop gap measures to relieve over crowding. Also our roads are congested and traffic is horrific during rush hours.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities. Review and update APFO every 4 years Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

My Name is Vidya Sridhar. I live at 11321 Willow Ridge Lane Ellicott City MD 21042

Sincerely,

Vidya Sridhar

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jessica Hicks <jessica.hicks1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 6:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Hello,

I have lived in Howard County since 2002 and have 2 kids in the Howard County Public school system, 5th and 8th grade. We live in Elkridge and have been through 2 different redistricting events already. My son is about to enter Long Reach High School next year - he is hearing impaired. (Both of my kids are hearing impaired, so I'm thinking long term solutions here since we have 8 more years of schooling.) I'm very concerned that with the current APFO standards that have allowed for substantial overcrowding that their needs/requirements for an organized, well structured classroom environment are going to be compromised. If the teachers have too many kids in their class this means increased noise, increased distractions, less time for the teacher to repeat information or answer questions that my kids may have because they missed what the speaker said. These accommodations are provided to us under the 504 plan, this is the part of the federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against public school students with disabilities. My children, and many others, will be at a disadvantage in an over crowded school. I'm also concerned about the roads and lack of thought put into the total number vehicles that will actually travel them during rush hour. We build keep building homes/town homes/condos and the roads are not adequate for the cars, bikers and joggers that want to utilize them.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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- 5) Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.
- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

**Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.**

Please consider the children and communities who are the consumers of Howard County. Builders will always want to build in Howard County, especially if we keep it a GREAT place to live. Lets take some time (years) to sit back and assess what we really need NOW. Howard County has grown so fast that the basics to what makes a community have been lost and now the children are living the consequences.

Jessica Hicks  
7468 Merrymaker Way  
Elkridge MD 21075

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gina Krakovsky <gina.krakovsky@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 6:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Written testimony for council Bill 61

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**From:** Gina Krakovsky <[gina.krakovsky@yahoo.com](mailto:gina.krakovsky@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Written testimony for council Bill 61  
**Date:** September 18, 2017 at 6:14:33 PM EDT  
**To:** [ccouncilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:ccouncilmail@howardcountymd.gov)  
**Cc:** [akittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:akittleman@howardcountymd.gov)

My name is Gina Krakovsky. I have been a resident of Howard County for the last 7 years. When relocating from Ohio we choose Howard County for its highly regarded school system and high quality of life. My oldest is a sophomore in college and my youngest is a Junior at Marriotts Ridge High School. The school system has exceeded my expectation's for our daughter's education. I have taken pride in saying I live in Howard County. I know there is a lot of frustration with overcrowding and restricting which has a large percentage of the community upset. I know of several families who have recently moved out of Howard County to neighboring counties due to the current and projected future.

I am concerned for multiple reasons :

1. That our property taxes will be increased to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county. I support new growth but a large part of the financial burden has to fall on the developers not the residents.
2. That if our county does not do a better job controlling and planning for development the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years which is not good for my home value. One of things we researched when moving was the redistricting history. This whole concept was new to me. While it will not affect my children it affects so many families. We must do a better job in pre planning to end or limit any redistricting any current over crowding.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.

Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.

APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

I entrust you will amend Bill 61 to keep Howard County a desirable place to live.

Best,  
Gina Krakovsky  
3165 Dunes Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Richard Demmitt <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 5:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

I am one of the over 100,000 employee members of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) representing over 1,000 business members. I write in support of Council Bill 61 as drafted and without ANY substantive amendments related to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. This bill represents hundreds of hours of work over the course of an entire year by the APF Task Force including 23 county residents from a broad cross section of stakeholders. The bill as presented is a reasonable and responsible compromise that effectively protects the County's valuable public resources while respecting the rights of private property owners and implementing the County's growth goals in PlanHoward 2030.

Specifically, I am opposed to any potential amendment to lower the school capacity test, add a high school capacity test or increase school impact fees. Howard County's total development fees are already among the highest in the State when taken together with the MIHU fee and the building excise tax which are generally not present in other counties. Any of these potential amendments which have been introduced during recent testimony will drastically limit the County's ability to meet its Plan Howard 2030 residential and commercial development goals as well as its goals related to job growth and economic development. Failing to meet these goals may have devastating impacts on the County's budget through loss of permit fees, impact fees, MIHU fees, property tax revenue and income tax revenue causing significant budget shortfalls, decreases in vital public safety and health services and layoffs to Howard County staff, teachers, and first responders. They would also undermine the substantial efforts of the APFO Task Force and all of the County's resources that were devoted to establishing a fair and reasonable compromise between the goals and interests of all stakeholder groups. If any of these amendments are introduced, they must not be acted upon until a full fiscal analysis of the negative impacts to the County budget and economy is completed.

Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

Richard Demmitt  
PO Box 228  
Clarksville, MD 21029  
rjdemmitt@aol.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Amanda Pizza <amandalpizza@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Our family has lived in Howard County for 13 years and currently has two children in the schools. Our third child will start Kindergarten next fall. Over the years, we have watched our community grow leaps and bounds. Some of this development we are proud to share; we're proud of the re purposing of older buildings and the redevelopment of areas that were past their life, torn down, and rebuilt. And other areas of development have been sad, sad to see acres of wooded area filled with wildlife, farms where crops use to feed locals, and houses jammed so tight that kids have no yard to play. These developments have created a number of issues. Roads to these new developments are seeing increased traffic without updating the said access roads to the sites. The roads are deteriorating faster than the county can keep up with maintenance.

And from this development, the ones who suffer the greatest are the children in the schools. I have gone into my daughter's classroom to volunteer. The kids are packed so tightly that it's hard to walk around the desk. So many desks are required that kids can't sit on the floor to read, they're constantly bumping into each other, and learning is not at its prime when teachers pupil numbers are so high that small group and individualized attention is lacking. Our kids deserve a classroom where they have the space to learn, not elbows hitting each other while trying to write, carpet to sit on and chairs they can comfortably push back without smacking into others. Overcrowding in schools also creates a safety issue. Fire drills and emergencies and trying to evacuate a school that is at 120% capacity poses many risks! On a normal day, they walk the halls and can barely pass through. Keep our schools safe by keeping the numbers where they are meant to be...100% utilization!

Let's keep Howard County Schools, that are currently ranked so high in the country, ranked where they are.

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- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

We need people in office who will listen and make changes for the people and business of the community, those of us who live in the community, and have children growing up in the community. Our leaders should not be supporting the builders who come to Howard County for profit. Our leaders should be supporting our school facilities to provide the best education to the children who are here now and years to come. Our children are our future. Howard County is a great school, community, and place to raise a family. Let's keep it that way!

Sincerely,

Amanda Pizza

5958 Florey Road

Hanover, MD 21076



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** JENNIFER SPIEGEL <jenallenspiegel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:45 PM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Re: County Council Meeting July 17, 2017 ---- regarding APFO

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

I receive an email from you today in response to my testimony submitted in July 2017. However, since your response comes 2+ months after my original email, I feel I must forward you my updated testimony submitted September 18, 2017. It is included below.

Sincerely,  
Jen Spiegel  
12475 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 20142

Dear Elected Officials,

I am a resident of Howard County, District 5, for the last 17 years and am very disappointed to learn of our County's weak APFO as proposed in CB61. A weak APFO leads to overdevelopment which leads to overcrowding of our schools which negatively impacts our kids and administrators. We have a nationally recognized school system and we want to keep it that way — weak APFO will result in such negative repercussions for our school system that our County's reputation will suffer. By putting the wants of developers first, our County Council and County Executive are failing our children!

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

- School capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
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- APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
- Increase real estate transfer tax by 1.0%.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

You must take action now. You must act to strengthen APFO. A delay or tabling or withdrawing of this bill shows a complete and utter lack of leadership. And also lets us voters see where your priorities lie - with developers, not our children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spiegel  
12475 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

On Sep 18, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <[mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Spiegel,

This is to acknowledge that I have received your written testimony on Council Bill 61-2017. I appreciate that you took the time to share your thoughts on this complex bill. I will take your perspective and all other testimony into consideration as I work through this legislation to determine how I will vote.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Sigaty  
Councilperson  
Howard County Council, District 4

3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
(410) 313-2001

**From:** JENNIFER SPIEGEL [<mailto:jenallenspiegel@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** County Council Meeting July 17, 2017 ---- regarding APFO

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I understand the current APFO is under review and changes are being considered prior to the County Council meeting on July 17th. I am writing to express my concerns about the current weak APFOs and how it has drastically impacted the growth our county has experienced over the past several years.

Part of the reason Howard County has become a sought-after place to live is because of our great school system. However, the current weak APFOs allow development to proceed at an alarming pace which is causing overcrowding conditions throughout the school system.

You, as our elected officials, must put the best interests of constituents as your priority — especially those constituents who cannot speak for themselves, our children. Allowing these weak APFOs to continue will put our county infrastructure under severe strain - including schools, police, fire, roads, etc.

I believe tighter APFOs must be considered at this time and the following changes must be made:

Development should be closed when elementary, middle, and/or high schools reach 100% of state rated capacity.

Developers should be held financially responsible for mitigating their developments' effects on our county's infrastructure.

The county should delay construction for longer than 4 years (like neighboring counties that delay up to 7 years) if necessary infrastructure is not in place.

The County Council and the HCPSS Board of Education should work together to consider long-term plans that best meet the needs of our county. They currently work more independently with some crossover and communication. They must truly work as a team for the benefit of our children.

Please vote to table CB61 & CB62 until September as both bills require further review and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jen Spiegel  
Ellicott City, MD  
District 5

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Heather Dalwadi <heather.dalwadi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Heather Dalwadi and I moved to Howard County in 2015 due to the wonderful reputation for excellent schools and friendly neighborhoods/communities. My husband commutes between DC and Baltimore, and I work in Towson. We could have easily chosen a different community, but decided on Ellicott City due to the above said reasons. I have been very happy with our Valleymede neighborhood and also with the St. John's

Lane Elementary school for my two young children. However, we have been highly concerned about the flooding issues that have been exacerbated by the constant building around us. We are concerned that additional building will further propagate more flooding. Also, our schools are already beyond maximum capacity. Each year I see a difference in the schools as more and more kids are crammed into tiny rooms or portable classrooms. It is not fair to us, as parents, taxpayers and community members, to destroy our community by favoring further development that destroys our neighborhoods and crowds our schools. Finally, I am concerned that our property taxes will be increased to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county. I am also concerned about the fast-paced development which brings tax revenue to our county, but does not adequately fund the necessary infrastructure to support this ever-growing population. This is ruining our community!!! I am also worried that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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Please consider these factors in your decision this evening.

Sincerely,

Heather and AC Dalwadi  
3138 Elmmede Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
207-317-1152

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Maria Caron <maria.l.burke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- No Delay -- Action Required Now

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Howard County for six years and have two children. One will be in Kindergarten next year, and the other will be in Kindergarten in three years. I am very concerned about HoCo's weak APFO. How can our children learn in an overcrowded classroom? What about the impact all of these new communities will have on our roads? An increase in traffic accidents is inevitable and puts my family at risk every day we are on the road.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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- vi. Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Maria Caron  
3103 The Cascades Court  
Elliott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Scott Mason <wmsmason@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:15 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** APFO TESTIMONY (Council Bill 61)

Hi,

I've lived in the Valley Mede community a long time, dating back to when my parents lived here. I have a son who still attends school and under the proposed redistricting, will attend a high school 6.5 miles instead of one 1.5 miles away. If this redistricting does come to fruition, we will move to a school district of our choice, not the county's.

Between the redistricting, the new high density development proposals, and a lack of consideration of the traffic volumes on the surrounding highways, it seems that Valley Mede is under assault by the county government. I am not of a mindset to pay more taxes so that developers can skirt infrastructure and school capacity expenses. These issues should have been dealt with in the past. I am severely disappointed over the council's past lapse of action to address these issues.

Moving forward, I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure, including:

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As you consider testimony from others against the bill, consider whether these individuals live, vote and have children attend schools in Howard County. I am willing to bet that many of them do not.

I will email this testimonial email by asking...do you want to be know as the elected official who screwed Howard County children so developers could profit? Strong words, I know. But it's exactly how I feel.

Regards,

W. Scott Mason  
3126 Elmmede Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 20142

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** JENNIFER HAUF <jennifer@us-utility.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 4:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** APFO TESTIMORY - AMEND COUNCIL BILL 61

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

I've lived in Ellicott City for 20 years. In that time I've seen the development in my area explode! I currently have 2 children in middle school and I'm sick and tired of the overcrowding that has been occurring. It's a direct result of the County's (YOUR) total disregard for the families that are already living in the community. You allow more and more home building without the adequate ability for the surrounding schools to handle the increased number of new students. And I'm tired of it!

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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Thanks for your consideration and please remember that you were elected to represent us, your neighbors not developers!

Jennifer Hauf  
9821 Cypressmede Dr  
Ellicott City MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Lisa Garrigus <lisagarrigus@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Dear Elected Officials,

I am a Howard County resident and the mother of two high school students. Howard County schools are grossly over-capacity and this is largely due to several issues with the APFO.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

Our award-winning county schools are facing a dire overcrowding situation due to lack of political leadership and planning. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are the schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Do not allow public trust in the process to erode further by deferring or tabling this bill.

Now is the time to add the following parent-endorsed amendments to APFO to ensure that Howard County continues to attract businesses and residents to our strong schools and communities:

1. **Set school capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level. If this means it stops all construction THEN SO BE IT!!! The developers have had their way with the land in this county with no thought of how it is affecting the families and especially the kids. You work for us, not for the developers. The people of the county should be your first concern.**
2. Begin mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) when a school reaches 95% capacity.
3. NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
4. Increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the costs of new seats being added from resales.
5. Add measures for public safety, roads, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.
6. Review and update APFO every 4 years
7. **Increase the amount that developers must pay toward school funding for each house they build. It is ridiculous that Howard County, one of the richest counties in the entire country, has one of the lowest fees for developers in the state.**

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Lisa Garrigus

10117 Summer Glow Walk

Laurel, MD 20723

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Deanna Collins <pdcollins@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

County Council Members,

I have lived in Howard County for nineteen years; my wife and I decided to move here and start our family because of the highly regarded schools, amenities, and infrastructure. My son started at Saint Johns Lane Elementary ten years ago, they had two trailers – now they have eight. The increase of trailers is a direct result of previous Councils and County Executives approving residential building and the Office of School Planning using outdated population projections.

Adding trailers and redistricting is not the answer – it demonstrates appeasement to the Builders and uncertainty and aggravation to family's and Constituents. New development will continue at a slower rate – but it will continue.

You have the ability to change the course of Howard County, I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

- School capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
- Mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) begins when a school reaches 95% capacity.
- NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
- APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
- Increase real estate transfer tax by 1.0%.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Sincerely,

Paul Collins

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Ellicott City, MD 21042-2512

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Juliet Bennett <juliebennett@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:53 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61--NO DELAY\_ACTION REQUIRED NOW!!

**SUBJECT LINE OF YOUR EMAIL: Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!**

*I have lived in Howard County for 14 years, have 3 children ages 21, 10 and 4. I have seen firsthand the negative consequences of a weak APFO. Our infrastructures can not handle the number of people moving into the county. We live directly off RT 32, and traffic is a nightmare. The turn into oncoming traffic from our street, due to congestion is extremely dangerous. My daughter had a classmate die in a car accident in this exact way, and we are aware of several other serious accidents that have occurred because of it. I have a major concern for my 5th grader and incoming kindergartner being on the roads in a bus longer than necessary, which is what will occur as a result of redistricting schools because of overcrowding.*

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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6. Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

My name is Juliet Bennett and my address is 880 River Road Sykesville, MD 21784. This WILL affect my future votes. We are taxpayers in this county, and it is your job to protect the safety of your residents, and the standards of our schools. Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Bennett  
juliebennett@verizon.net

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Lisa Heimlicher <lheimlicher@whfl-law.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

I am one of the over 100,000 employee members of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) representing over 1,000 business members. I write in support of Council Bill 61 as drafted and without ANY substantive amendments related to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. This bill represents hundreds of hours of work over the course of an entire year by the APF Task Force including 23 county residents from a broad cross section of stakeholders. The bill as presented is a reasonable and responsible compromise that effectively protects the County's valuable public resources while respecting the rights of private property owners and implementing the County's growth goals in PlanHoward 2030.

Specifically, I am opposed to any potential amendment to lower the school capacity test, add a high school capacity test or increase school impact fees. Howard County's total development fees are already among the highest in the State when taken together with the MIHU fee and the building excise tax which are generally not present in other counties. Any of these potential amendments which have been introduced during recent testimony will drastically limit the County's ability to meet its Plan Howard 2030 residential and commercial development goals as well as its goals related to job growth and economic development. Failing to meet these goals may have devastating impacts on the County's budget through loss of permit fees, impact fees, MIHU fees, property tax revenue and income tax revenue causing significant budget shortfalls, decreases in vital public safety and health services and layoffs to Howard County staff, teachers, and first responders. They would also undermine the substantial efforts of the APFO Task Force and all of the County's resources that were devoted to establishing a fair and reasonable compromise between the goals and interests of all stakeholder groups. If any of these amendments are introduced, they must not be acted upon until a full fiscal analysis of the negative impacts to the County budget and economy is completed.

Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

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Dayton, MD 21036  
lheimlicher@whfl-law.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Wilkerson <wilkerson04@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:43 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Akittleman@howardcounty.gov  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Dear Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Kittleman,

We have raised our two daughters in Howard County for the last 16 years. We moved here from Denver and chose Howard County specifically because of the diversity and the schools but had no idea at the time, how lucky we were to end up in the Dunloggin neighborhood. We often talk about how our girls would never have had the same experiences anywhere else...they've developed life-long friendships, been a part of things like Octoberfest parties, Gingerbread house decorating parties, annual Easter egg hunts, and 4th of July parades to name a few. Dunloggin is one of the oldest communities in Howard County. The tight knit nature of this community is demonstrated through the Junior Women's Club (JWC) and the Saint John's Community Association, which have continued for many years. To give you another example, before my brother lost his battle to cancer 5 years ago, he lived with us while I was his primary caregiver. I can't tell you how many Dunloggin neighbors, people I had never met before, brought my family meals – for months! This is our 4th neighborhood and I had never, ever experienced such kindness and generosity before. There is something very unique and special about this neighborhood and it breaks my heart to think it's about to be cut up. It will never be the same. It's especially heartbreaking to think it's because builders have more clout than the people who actually live and pay taxes here.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

If you vote for this bill, you will not have our votes come election time.

Sincerely,  
Regina and James Wilkerson  
3926 Chatham Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Mark Neal <markaneal@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 - NO DELAY - ACTION REQUIRED NOW!

Dear Honorable Members of the Howard County Council:

I write today to urge you to vote this month on CB61 to ensure that our wonderful county has adequate public facilities to support what is continued development that is CLEARLY outpacing the funding and construction of adequate public facilities in our county. Although APFO regulations impact all sorts of vital county interests, my focus at present is on overcrowding in our schools caused in large part by a failure of adequate planning and regulations on development.

My two children just suffered through the county's most recent redistricting of schools. The fact that they are yet again facing redistricting so soon (coupled with the fact that our county redistricts more than other counties in Maryland to address the repeated overcrowding of schools) is strong evidence that the current weak APFO regulations (particularly at the high school level – where there are inexplicably no APFO requirements) are being exploited by developers to line their pockets at the expense of our children! This cycle - where our children are repeatedly victimized by bad planning - must stop! One step in the right direction is finally enacting reasonable updates to the APFO regulations.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's welcome action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

Our award-winning county schools are facing a dire overcrowding situation due to lack of political leadership and planning. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are protecting our children and their schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Do not allow public trust in the process to erode further by deferring or tabling this bill.

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- 5) Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Thank you for your attention to this most important issue and thank you for your service to the citizens of our great county.

Respectfully yours,

Mark A. Neal  
10628 Persimmon Court  
Laurel, MD 20723

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Maura Saul <mauradieringer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

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Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

Maura Saul  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042  
mauradieringer@gmail.com



## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Catherina <catchlyu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written testimony for Council Bill 61

### **Dear County Council Members,**

My name is Catherina Lyu and would like to advocate for change in current APFO proposals. This matters to our family and many others because of the negative impacts that are beginning to come to surface and future negative effects. As a lifelong resident of Howard County and currently raising four children in the county at every level of public schooling, we are disturbed by the overcrowding schools, roads, infrastructure, etc for the benefit of developers. I am concerned that our property taxes will be increased to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county. I am concerned about the current level of development that brings tax revenue, businesses, and new residents to our county but doesn't adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a growing population (fire, police and emergency services) and protect our quality of life. I'm worried that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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- NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
- APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
- Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Please accept this plea from me and many others who are making these requests to better our county at every level and hope for the best for all residents in Howard County, a county we certainly cherish and want to see thrive continually.

Sincerely,  
Catherina Lyu  
3047 Seneca Chief Trail  
Ellicott City MD 21042  
443-204-6082

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** ying matties <ymatties@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB61- NO DELAY!

Good afternoon!

I have been a resident in Howard County for the past 17 years. One of my kids is currently attending Centennial HS which is facing growing issues of overcrowding, just like many other public schools in our county. This is a result of lack of leadership at the school system during the past few years, as well as county's leaders prioritizing development over the safety of our children and the quality of life for all of HoCo residents.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Now is the time to add the following parent-endorsed amendments to APFO:

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6. Review and update APFO every 4 years

Regards,

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10228 Little Brick House  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** JENNIFER SPIEGEL <jenallenspiegel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for CB61

Dear Elected Officials,

I am a resident of Howard County, District 5, for the last 17 years and am very disappointed to learn of our County's weak APFO as proposed in CB61. A weak APFO leads to overdevelopment which leads to overcrowding of our schools which negatively impacts our kids and administrators. We have a nationally recognized school system and we want to keep it that way — weak APFO will result in such negative repercussions for our school system that our County's reputation will suffer. By putting the wants of developers first, our County Council and County Executive are failing our children!

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

You must take action now. You must act to strengthen APFO. A delay or tabling or withdrawing of this bill shows a complete and utter lack of leadership. And also lets us voters see where your priorities lie - with developers, not our children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spiegel  
12475 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Lynn Golebiowski <golebiowski.lynn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 NO DELAY/Action Now

Hi,

I am a 26 year Howard County resident. I have raised two children in this county and have seen first hand the impact that unthrottled development has had on our schools (overcrowding, redistricting) and infrastructure (roads/traffic/tax money spent).

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Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Lynn Golebiowski

3720 Spring Meadow Dr.

Ellicott City, Md. 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Vicky Bernal <vickylbernal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61--No Delay--Action Required Now!!!

My name is Vicky Bernal and I live at 5801 Lois Lane Elliott City, MD. My family has been living in Howard County for four years now. Like many families, we were drawn to Howard County because of the quality of schools here. But we've grown increasingly concerned at the level of overcrowding at schools. My daughter's school just recently added another kindergarten class because of such high enrollment. Class sizes are too big. My youngest son attended a preschool class in a portable. As of now, we are one of the neighborhoods slated to be redistricted. We would like to stay living in Howard County but the level of overcrowding especially at the high school level is unacceptable.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Vicky Bernal

5801 Lois Lane

Elliott City, MD 21043

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ashley Royle <ashleyroyle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:02 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 - please act now!

Dear Howard County Council,

I have been a resident of Howard County for 5 years. My family moved from Baltimore County to Howard County in large part because of the schools. I have a 2nd grader and 4th grader at West Friendship Elementary. I am also a member of the HCPSS Attendance Area Committee (AAC). I have seen first-hand how school overcrowding and the redistricting process has torn the county apart.

I certainly understand the need to utilize capacity at our existing schools, but changes need to be made to the underlying causes of overcrowding so that large scale redistricting isn't needed every few years. Ideally, redistricting should only occur when a new school is opened and should only impact the area closest to the new school. The fact that land was not secured from the developer of Turf Valley for an elementary school and that ES45 isn't planned until 2028+ is inexcusable. My kids will likely get moved from West Friendship to Bushy Park ES to accommodate the huge influx of students in Turf Valley. They may also get moved from Mt. View MS and Marriotts Ridge HS if HS13 is not fast tracked and placed at Rockburn.

Our children deserve better than the status quo. I am certainly not anti-development, but the developers need to pay their fair share and rules need to be implemented to prevent future overcrowding. I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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
I hope that all of the council members, even those who are term limited, will do the right thing for the citizens of Howard County. Please don't kick the can down the road on this issue. We need change now.

Best regards,  
Ashley Royle  
1455 Coventry Meadows Dr  
Sykesville, MD 21784  
410-952-0259



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kimberly Yang <yangkimb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:**  Council Bill 61 - NO DELAY - ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Dear County Council:

I have lived in Howard County since the birth of my son Eric. He is now a kindergartner at Worthington Elementary School. His little sister Megan attends Glen Mar Early Learning Center.

I urge you to strengthen the APFO so that our children do not bear the brunt of overcapacity and crowding at schools.

Nor should contiguous neighborhoods be disturbed by artificially redistricting so neighborhood children of the same age cohort end up being sent to different schools.

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**Please do not delay this critical vote.** Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly F. Yang  
4801 Ellicott Woods Lane  
Ellicott City, MD 21043



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kelly Reading <klreading@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 - NO DELAY - Action Required Now!!

I'm an 11 year Howard County resident with 2 school age children. My 15 year old is a sophomore at Wilde Lake HS and my 11 year old is a 6th grader at Harper's Choice MS. Due to Howard County's weak APFO, my children are threatened with being redistricted to school's farther from our home or having a large percentage of their classmates redistricted to other schools. We live in an area of Columbia that has not experienced much growth or development and do not have overcrowded schools, but are unfortunately potentially affected by other areas in the county where growth and development has not been properly limited and as a result, school facilities are inadequate. The current solution is to continually shift school boundary adjustments for balance in order to meet developers needs without any regard for the welfare of our students and families.

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Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Respectfully,  
Kelly  
Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Melissa Glover <meglover13@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

Dear County Council Members,

My family and I moved to Howard County right before my son started kindergarten so that our children could attend the wonderful schools here. Had we known the situation with overcrowding and lack of attention from the county council to the primary reason families move to this county would result just 4 years later with no end in sight, we never would have moved here.

Redistricting is a temporary band-aid that will not fix the problem. Many of the schools will be at capacity even after redistricting, and with more development in the works, it will continue and get much much worse. So then what? Redistrict again in a couple of years? To where? We need more schools and stricter APFO laws to allow for our county to grow at a reasonable rate while maintaining the safety of residents and the integrity of the schools.

Comparing what developers are required to pay per home vs neighboring counties is extremely disheartening. Considering what we pay in taxes already and the cost of living in Howard County, it is time for developers to have a greater responsibility to support public infrastructure that their development stresses to and beyond the limits of what is acceptable. Taxes should not be raised to accommodate for the problem the developers have caused. Our quality of life is rapidly changing at the expense of developers making money. It has to stop.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community

I consider amending APFO legislation to be the most important issue facing our county today and the outcome will most certainly impact my vote in 2018.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Glover  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Heather Rose <heatherrose33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

I am one of the over 100,000 employee members of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) representing over 1,000 business members. I write in support of Council Bill 61 as drafted and without ANY substantive amendments related to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. This bill represents hundreds of hours of work over the course of an entire year by the APF Task Force including 23 county residents from a broad cross section of stakeholders. The bill as presented is a reasonable and responsible compromise that effectively protects the County's valuable public resources while respecting the rights of private property owners and implementing the County's growth goals in PlanHoward 2030.

Specifically, I am opposed to any potential amendment to lower the school capacity test, add a high school capacity test or increase school impact fees. Howard County's total development fees are already among the highest in the State when taken together with the MIHU fee and the building excise tax which are generally not present in other counties. Any of these potential amendments which have been introduced during recent testimony will drastically limit the County's ability to meet its Plan Howard 2030 residential and commercial development goals as well as its goals related to job growth and economic development. Failing to meet these goals may have devastating impacts on the County's budget through loss of permit fees, impact fees, MIHU fees, property tax revenue and income tax revenue causing significant budget shortfalls, decreases in vital public safety and health services and layoffs to Howard County staff, teachers, and first responders. They would also undermine the substantial efforts of the APFO Task Force and all of the County's resources that were devoted to establishing a fair and reasonable compromise between the goals and interests of all stakeholder groups. If any of these amendments are introduced, they must not be acted upon until a full fiscal analysis of the negative impacts to the County budget and economy is completed.

Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Charles DeCarlucci <cdecarlucci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:33 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61

Hello;

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

I have supported you with my vote, please support me and all the residents of this county with your vote. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Chuck DeCarlucci

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Frances O'Connor <chettyoak@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:32 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB61-2017 Written Testimony

Dear Elected Officials,

As I am unable to testify in person, please accept this written testimony.

My husband and I moved our family to Howard County in early 2013. Our decision to settle in the area was largely influenced by the geographic location between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., as well as the quality of the schools, libraries, and parks. I am now VERY concerned about the current level of development that brings tax revenue, businesses, and new residents to our county, but does NOT adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a growing population (most critically new schools, roadways, green space and emergency services).

The quality of life in Howard County is dependent on improved planning as it relates to these items. We need a revised AFPO and we need it NOW. If the reputation of the County, particularly the schools, declines, all residents and businesses suffer. We become a less desirable place for both residents and development.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

- School capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level. Why would we ever want to build in an area that can't support it!?!?
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- APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
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- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities
- Increased fees for developers of new homes, to be in-line with market rate and surrounding counties

Finally, I would urge the County Council to think strongly about the impact of frequent redistricting. Though I understand this falls under the purview of the School Board, it is directly tied to AFPO. Families will not make their children go through multiple redistrictings. We come to Howard County to put down strong roots for our children, not uproot them every few years. I have heard developers argue say, 'But the county school capacity is only at 95%, there is room to grow.' We can't keep shuffling kids around to make room for developers. Long bus rides, a lack of predictability with schools, the constant threat of changes, portable classrooms, heavy traffic, and frustrated parents do not help Howard County retain our 'Award-winning' and 'Nationally-recognized' accolades. Don't let that become part of the County's reputation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Frances Keenan, Resident, Parent, Small business owner, Voter!  
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Ellicott City, MD 20143



## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Leslie Toussaint <l2saint@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

I've lived in Howard County since 2006, and have a son in 2nd grade at Triadelphia Ridge ES. I love the beautiful farm land and natural settings in juxtaposition with urban amenities like Merriweather, terrific shopping and excellent health care and schools. However, I am concerned that rampant overdevelopment and a lack of long-term planning are threatening our quality of life.

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Thank you,

Leslie Toussaint  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Melissa Kistler <melissa.kistler@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

To the County Council and County Executive-

Feasibility study, AAC, AAC Draft Plan, FARMS, APFO- these are all terms floating around and igniting strong emotions in parts of our county these days. In June, I too became aware of these terms and was surprised to see my child may have to switch schools mid-elementary school. Where I grew up, it was simple. There were two K-2 elementary schools, two 3-5 elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Neighborhoods traveled together and this whole idea of shifting students around every 3-5 years or more was unheard of. So, I this was a shock at first. I didn't (and still don't) want my child to be uprooted and lose the stability built over the first part of his elementary years in switching schools. I can't imagine how upsetting the same premise may be for a student in middle or high school. After the emotions ran their course for me, I started digging into the process and the "why" of redistricting. The more I learn, the more frustrated, angry, and disheartened I have become.

While I recognize that the county council and county regulations are not the sole issue here- there is a way you can help, and that is wit amending CB61. I hope you will sincerely listen to your citizens and not developers/builders who are describing your citizens- the ones who elected you- as a threat.

County regulations part of the problem. Yes- the county does not control the redistricting process, but the county does control development. It is sickening that county regulations allow schools to be set at 115% plus capacity to be considered overcapacity. It is even more sickening that comparable counties charge developers 4-5 times the amount of infrastructure fees that others do. It is wrong that development can continue after only giving schools 4 years to "fix" overcrowding. How on earth does that help when it can take that long just to get funds approved by the county for new schools and to develop a plan??? Developers do not live in this county- county citizens should be prioritized over developers. We need schools that are not bursting at the seams. We need adequate planning for roads, police, and fire stations. We need planning to help spread out affordable housing across the county. This is asking for the basics. Howard county is often ranked as one of the best places to live- and I would tend to agree for now. However, if these serious issues are not addressed, I do not think we will see the children of the county wanting to stay. They will move to greener pastures and Howard County will not be one of the best places to live. Fix it, or move on.

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My vote will indeed be influenced by your action or inaction on this Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Kittleman as I know you are both up for re-election.

Thank you.

-Melissa Kistler

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**From:** Jeff Schwartz <jschwartz@ashtonmanor.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Patty Millen <pmillen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:05 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

My name is Patricia Millen and my husband and I plus our two school-aged children who attend Mt. Hebron High School and Patapsco Middle School, have been residents of Howard County the last 9 years.

I am concerned about the current level of development that brings tax revenue, businesses, and new residents to our county but doesn't adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a growing population (fire, police and emergency services) and protect our quality of life especially our schools.

Our APFO (Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance) is what acts as our safety valve for the infrastructure that supports our quality of life. Unfortunately, our APFO falls short and our schools are suffering for it! Developer impact fees in Howard County are minimal as compared to other counties.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

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APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Please don't make us like Virginia, with more populace than their infrastructure can handle!

Sincerely,

Patricia Millen  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jeff Kenney <jkenney@techair.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Vanessa Zawodny <vanessa.zawodny@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61 - Do not table this bill

Good Evening –

My name is Vanessa Zawodny and my family and I reside at 2917 Greenlow Court Ellicott City, MD 21042. We specifically moved to the Valley Mede neighborhood earlier this year for the same reasons that the majority of our neighbors seem to share: the schools. While I had some knowledge of possible redistricting prior to moving to the neighborhood, I was admittedly not as well informed as I should have been about the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) and current proposed changes contained in Council Bill 60 & 61 (CB 60 & 61).

My concerns with CB 61 are as follows:

1. I am concerned about current and proposed development projects that bring tax revenue, businesses, and new residents to our county but that do not adequately fund the critical services and infrastructure necessary to support a growing population (schools, fire, police, community centers, etc.) and protect our quality of life.
2. As a mother and someone who specifically moved to this area for the quality of the community and its schools, I paid a very high premium for access to them. I am concerned that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years. Redistricting has several potential ramifications including increased costs for busing students to schools that are further away, increased time students spend on buses to get to school, and those buses would add to the already congested local roads in the area. Our neighborhood's schools are already over capacity in many instances and have portable classrooms on school property to accommodate the existing student population, which not only present health and safety concerns for our children but also affect the quality of teaching and learning that is provided.
3. Lastly, I am concerned that my property taxes will be increased to make up for the low development fees that developers pay in our county to increase density but not services or infrastructure to support their development or our community.

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In conclusion, I think it is worth noting that the only people that are in opposition of APFO amendments are developers. The residents of Howard County are united in our opposition of CB 61 and the only ones that are for it are those who stand to make a profit at our expense. It is my hope that our County Executive (Allan Kittleman) will agree with all the statements above and do what is right for the residents of Howard County, I am sure it goes without saying that my vote in 2018 will depend largely on how my representatives:

1. Support our schools and overall quality of life when voting on APFO amendments
2. Work with the Board of Education to get funding and deciding on a site for not only High School #13 but for additional schools that are needed. There are over 200 portables in Howard County that were supposed to be temporary but have now become a fixture in our schools.

Thank you,

Vanessa Zawodny  
2917 Greenlow Court  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Sharon and Hume Peabody <swaleans@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:56 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Good afternoon. My name is Sharon Peabody and I have been a Howard County resident for 17 years. I have three children in the county school system, one child in each school level.

The unchecked development in this county has placed the county schools to a critical level of overcrowding and placed enormous burdens on county taxpayers and citizens. Personally, my neighborhood and the children in this neighborhood are often moved between schools because of new housing developments being built in areas where the schools are already critically overcrowded. This is a direct result of the weak growth control in the current APFO. Growth must be balanced and account for impacts to all public services including schools, roads, and fire/emergency services, even if this requires higher fee impacts on the developers and slowing the development rate.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Peabody  
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**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

Dear Council Members,

I am concerned about the current level of development that brings tax revenue, businesses, and new residents to our county but doesn't adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a growing population (fire, police and emergency services) and protect our quality of life. I'm also worried that if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development more schools will face issues of overcrowding and the county will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years. For too long, developers have been favored in our county and we are now feeling the detrimental effects of that. Our tax dollars should be going to support the services we as residents and parents of school children expect, not funding the gap due to inadequate fees placed upon developers.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure. School capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level. Mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) begins when a school reaches 95% capacity. NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests. APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years. Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions. APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Please do what is right and appropriately balance the needs of residents with growth of the county.

Thank you,

Marna Schacknies  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Robert Reilley <ReilleyR@FNB-Corp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

I am one of the over 100,000 employee members of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) representing over 1,000 business members. I write in support of Council Bill 61 as drafted and without ANY substantive amendments related to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. This bill represents hundreds of hours of work over the course of an entire year by the APF Task Force including 23 county residents from a broad cross section of stakeholders. The bill as presented is a reasonable and responsible compromise that effectively protects the County's valuable public resources while respecting the rights of private property owners and implementing the County's growth goals in PlanHoward 2030.

Specifically, I am opposed to any potential amendment to lower the school capacity test, add a high school capacity test or increase school impact fees. Howard County's total development fees are already among the highest in the State when taken together with the MIHU fee and the building excise tax which are generally not present in other counties. Any of these potential amendments which have been introduced during recent testimony will drastically limit the County's ability to meet its Plan Howard 2030 residential and commercial development goals as well as its goals related to job growth and economic development. Failing to meet these goals may have devastating impacts on the County's budget through loss of permit fees, impact fees, MIHU fees, property tax revenue and income tax revenue causing significant budget shortfalls, decreases in vital public safety and health services and layoffs to Howard County staff, teachers, and first responders. They would also undermine the substantial efforts of the APFO Task Force and all of the County's resources that were devoted to establishing a fair and reasonable compromise between the goals and interests of all stakeholder groups. If any of these amendments are introduced, they must not be acted upon until a full fiscal analysis of the negative impacts to the County budget and economy is completed.

Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Andrea Sykes <arsykes23@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW

My name is Andrea Sykes and I have lived in Howard County since 1982, I moved here when I was nine, graduated from Oakland Mills HS, and after college moved back here with my husband (also a OMHS graduate) to raise our family. My husband and I are also local business owners in Howard County so are extremely vested in the quality of life in our County. We have witnessed firsthand the changes that have occurred in Columbia and Howard County—development has brought many changes to our county—good and bad.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

In the past ten years we have seen how development unchecked can negatively impact our schools, traffic, and the positives of living in a walkable community. This development has caused overcrowded schools, inadequate roads to handle additional traffic, and a lack of sidewalks that allow residents to walk. Great examples are Cedar Lane in West Columbia where the sidewalks directly abut the road and are incredibly unsafe to walk on, limiting the ability of residents to walk to HCC and other local businesses, and increasing traffic. Another inadequate area is Dobbin Road in East Columbia where there are no sidewalks to connect the residential neighborhoods and businesses in that areas leading to more cars on the road.

Our award-winning county schools are also facing a dire overcrowding situation due to lack of political leadership and planning. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are the schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Do not allow public trust in the process to erode further by deferring or tabling this bill.

Now is the time to add the following parent-endorsed amendments to APFO to ensure that Howard County continues to attract businesses and residents to our strong schools and communities:

- 1) Set school capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
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- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

As a resident and small business owner, please listen to the citizens of our community.

Sincerely,

Andrea Sykes

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Diana Rivi <diana.b.rivi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

I have lived in Howard County for over 10 years. I grew up in Montgomery County and chose to live in Howard County because, frankly, Montgomery County became way too congested and overcrowded – the schools, the roads, the stores, everything. I am particularly concerned about the current level of development that brings businesses, new residents, and many school-age children to our county but does not adequately fund the critical infrastructure necessary to support a fast growing population (and protect our and our children's quality of life). This is what happened in Montgomery County...and I am concerned that Howard County is following the same downward spiral (unfortunately).

With 2 young daughters not yet in school, I am very concerned about the school overcrowding issue and Howard County MUST do a better job controlling and planning for development. Otherwise, the schools will be forced to redistrict every few years, which is disruptive and extremely concerning. We specifically purchased our home for the neighborhood schools and would be extremely let down by our county's elected officials if we are forced to redistrict.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure, including:

- School capacity limits -- INCLUDING high schools -- to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
- Mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) begins when a school reaches 95% capacity.
- NO reductions to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
- APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
- Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

Please consider my request and the requests of many concerned Howard County citizens.

Diana Rivi

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Anna Nemirovsky <snemir@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** APFO action REQUIRED!

Dear Mr. Kittleman and Council Members -

My name is Anna Nemirovsky and I have resided in Howard county since 2005. I have two children in Worthington Elementary and Ellicott Mills Middle, and my youngest is to enter the public school system in a couple of years. As I look at the changes to our public schools over the last decade, I am becoming increasingly concerned with overcrowding of our schools and roads, safety of our children, and the apparent lack of the county's desire to maintain existing communities as a whole and facilitate their success.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

Our award-winning county schools are facing a dire overcrowding situation due to lack of political leadership and planning. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are the schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Do not allow public trust in the process to erode further by deferring or tabling this bill.

Now is the time to add the following parent-endorsed amendments to APFO to ensure that Howard County continues to attract businesses and residents to our strong schools and communities:

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6. Review and update APFO every 4 years

Please do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Anna Nemirovsky  
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**From:** Shannon Franks <shannonkayfranks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Hello,

I am writing to echo the concerns of many other Howard County parents and residents regarding current and proposed APFO standards. I moved to Columbia in November of 2000. My husband and I bought a townhouse and we had no children at the time. In 2006, we had our first and only child. When she started kindergarten, redistricting was happening. It was a very ugly and shocking introduction to the prized Howard County School system. My daughter's school, Guilford Elementary, was targeted and part of a horrible narrative of "those kids". As she progressed through elementary I found that narrative to be far from the truth. Fast forward to the Board of Education election. I stumbled across a Facebook group for HoCo parents and joined, only to learn that so much is involved in schools and their ability to provide a good education to children, including my own. I did not like what I saw at the time. I educated myself on the issues and the candidates. I then went out and voted. In the end, I was happy to see the turnover on the board take place. Now, finally, I feel we have a board and an interim Superintendent that cares and is willing to listen.

However, that was just the beginning. With this new round of redistricting I started to dig deeper. That led me to you, the county council and APFO. Once I realized the condition our county is in and the direction it is heading I was more than alarmed. Our schools are on a collision course with collapse if developers keep getting their way. Their current email campaign is deplorable and reeks of the only motive they have, profit protection. How dare us "county activists", note they won't call us parents, ask for our children be able to attend schools that aren't overcrowded, that don't have them in portables with mold and safety concerns. How dare us "county activists" stand up for children over profits. Enough is enough. I would like to feel like the county council puts our children first, but right now, from what I've seen so far with developer catering and acceptance of funds through loopholes, that couldn't be farther from the truth.

Stand up for our children. Stop the avalanche headed towards our schools. Our teachers are overwhelmed, our schools are bursting at the seams. How can you not see how much damage a weak APFO has already done? How do you justify allowing this to continue?

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

Our award-winning county schools are facing a dire overcrowding situation due to lack of political leadership and planning. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are the schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Do not allow public trust in the process to erode further by deferring or tabling this bill.

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Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Regards,  
Shannon Franks  
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Columbia, MD 21046

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Meredith Parks <mmparks1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW -- SCHOOL SYSEM AT RISK OF COLLAPSE!!

I am a Howard County voter with four children in the school system. Inaction in Council Bill 61 would be derelict and wreckless. The school system will collapse and desirability of our county will plummet if APFO is not adjusted to cover necessary infrastructure cost, like schools!!

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Meredith Parks  
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Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Seth Churchill <schurchill@glwpa.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

Dear Howard County Council,

Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

I am one of the over 100,000 employee members of the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA) representing over 1,000 business members. I write in support of Council Bill 61 as drafted and without ANY substantive amendments related to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. This bill represents hundreds of hours of work over the course of an entire year by the APF Task Force including 23 county residents from a broad cross section of stakeholders. The bill as presented is a reasonable and responsible compromise that effectively protects the County's valuable public resources while respecting the rights of private property owners and implementing the County's growth goals in PlanHoward 2030.

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Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

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schurchill@glwpa.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** C DeCarlucci <mscxd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61

Hello;

As a resident of Howard County for more than 17 years, I have come to believe that the elected representatives of this county do not have the best interests of its residents as a priority. I have come to believe that businesses interests and big money outweigh residents' interests and well being. I understand that being business friendly is important for a healthy economy, but if business interests overshadow residents' welfare, then that is unhealthy. Please remember that residents are number one and that it is the residents of this county that elect the government. To help me to continue supporting the Council and its members, please show that residents matter and vote on CB61.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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- 6) Review and update APFO every 4 years

I have supported you with my vote, please support me and all the residents of this county with your vote. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Carol DeCarlucci

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Meeta Rankin <samant.2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61--NO DELAY--ACTION REQUIRED NOW!!

Hello,

My name is Meeta Rankin and I have been a Howard County resident for over 12 years. I currently reside in Ellicott City with my husband and our two children, ages 8 and 5. We are personally affected by Howard County's weak APFO because of overcrowding in our schools and roadways. My daughter attends Manor Woods Elementary and my son plans to attend the same next fall. I am concerned with the amount of development in our area without adequate regard as to where the children will attend school or regard to the crowded and congested roadways.

As new development has broken ground off Frederick road (near Kiwanis Wallace park), I am deeply concerned as to where these children will go to school? How can County continue to give the green light to development in schools that are over capacity and expect the tax payers and school system to absorb the increased population while the developers profit??

Our area is at the will of developers, who attract families to the area by promoting the schools without fairly paying for additional seats in the schools. They are making money off of our wonderful (crowded) school district, and we taxpayers, are subsidizing the development so they can increase their profits. Does this seem fair??

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Do not delay this critical vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the voices of your constituents. We will all be watching the meeting tonight and hope that you seriously consider what is at stake here.

Respectfully,

Meeta Rankin

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** AOL2 <klhpetty79@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Please Vote on Council Bill 61 Without Further Delay

Good Afternoon –

My husband and I have lived in this county for 13 years and are raising two young children in the public schools. We moved to this county from Montgomery County (where we were raised) to raise our kids as we had heard about the amazing school system and we liked the fact that the county still had green/open spaces. Since moving here, I have become extremely concerned about the impact of the development. We purposely avoided moving to Northern Virginia or Rockville because the development has made it so crowded and unpleasant. I want my children to grow up in an area that has conveniences like the mall, but also in an area where they can still see grass and farms.. In looking just at the area around the mall, I recently commented to my husband that it's beginning to look like Tysons and I hope that someone will put a stop to this mass development as I will not continue to live in a county that become too over-populated to the point it destroys the peacefulness and impacts your ability to even get around.

As we have started navigating the school system, I have become even more concerned about the impact of development on the schools. While I understand that redistricting may be necessary to correct the problem (and I am not necessarily concerned about where my children will be redistricted), I am concerned that the development will make redistricting a common occurrence. My husband and I were redistricted 5 times as kids from 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade – that is NOT something I will allow my children to go through. It's my hope that you will stop the ridiculous amount of development that seems to keep occurring throughout the county until the developers can show that the infrastructure in the county will support the number of people they want to put here.

I, unfortunately, have had to visit the ER several times this year and have experienced the incredible delay to receive treatment. When inquiring about the delay, they informed me that on a Saturday night, they have one doctor and one PA! How does that make any sense given the number of people who frequent the ER. My husband and I have actually considered returning to Montgomery County to seek medical care, which is absurd given that Howard General is a JHU affiliate (and the tax dollars we spend in this county). However, the prestige of JHU is nothing if it takes 13 hours to be seen due to the large number of people who visit the ER.

The traffic on Route 29 has become problematic, even with the massive widening that took place over the last few years. I have also experienced delays in calling 911 – once for medical care and once for someone breaking into my house.

My biggest concern is that developers are being permitted to develop every last piece of land they can find without any consideration for what it does to the citizens who actually live here. The schools are having trouble keeping up, the roads can't handle the number of people that live here, the hospital is having trouble keeping up with its patients, 911 takes forever to get through, and it is my understanding that the police department is having trouble keeping up with the demand of the population.

I urge the County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

County Council members need to show the community that their citizens are their priorities, which means that they will ensure that our infrastructure, including our schools, will not suffer. Please do not delay the vote on APFO any further. I would like to see the following:

1. Ensure that public safety measures, including roads, emergency services, and the hospital capacity can support the number of people in the county – to include those future citizens that the developers count on.
2. Set school capacity limits – including high schools – at 100%. Schools should be closed to new development once they reach 100% capacity.
3. Begin mitigation (funding, additional time, or both) when a school reaches 95% capacity.
  - a. If developers find that their current projects are going to cause the schools to exceed 100% capacity, the developers should pay a stiff penalty. We need to deter these (often non-Howard County) developers from increasing our population to our detriment.
  - b. If developers suddenly “forget” to create affordable housing in their plans (once everything has been built and seeks to build additional units), they should be forced to pay a hefty fine. This should not happen. The developers are not inexperienced and have experts at their disposal to assist them with their projections. Howard County citizens should not be the ones who suffer because a large developer forgot to account for the affordable housing.
4. No reduction to the current wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
5. Increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the cost of new seats being added from resales.
  - a. If there are any other ways to increase fees to require the developers to invest in the infrastructure before increasing our population, then please explore those options.
6. Review and update APFO every 4 years
7. Ensure that Howard County will continue to have green spaces throughout the county. If this area turns into concrete structures as far as the eye can see, it will not longer be an attractive place to live and I predict you will see many move to other counties.

Please do not delay this vote. Parents and taxpayers deserve to see where you stand on this important issue.

Please keep in mind my husband and I are active, and probably more important to you, vocal voters. We will be watching how you handle this issue. We are careful each time we vote to ensure that we are electing those who have shown that they are responsive and supportive of their constituents. We are not the ones who just vote the incumbent back in – we will research to see how you have responded and whether it reflects our values.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen and Derek Petty  
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Columbia, MD 21044

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jennifer and Robert Blanco <jandrblanco@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony for Council Bill 61

Good afternoon,

My name is Jennifer Blanco and I live at 9716 Harbin Court in Ellicott City, 20142. I have lived in Howard County since 2005 and have two children in the public school system. I am concerned that the rate of development in our county has far outpaced the infrastructure needed to support the growth. Development brings tax dollars, businesses and new residents to the county which are all good things, but it appears that the developers who make money from building in our desirable county are not contributing the funds necessary for our schools, roads, police and fire departments, etc. to keep pace with the growing need. We need to strengthen our Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to ensure that the burden of building new schools and roads and expanding our police and fire services to accommodate a growing population does not fall on existing taxpayers and that the developers who profit from building in Howard County are contributing enough to maintain the quality of life that is such a selling point for homes here.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure.

- School capacity limits – INCLUDING high schools – to be set at 100%. Schools are closed to new development at that level.
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- Increase real estate transfer tax by 1.0%.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, libraries, and other community needs.

Approving CB-61 without the above amendments will send the message to the citizens of Howard County that developers' voices are more important than constituents' voices. Please show the citizens of Howard County that you are listening and doing what the people want, not what the developers want. We are watching and we vote.

Thank you for your attention,

Jennifer Blanco  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carleen Pena <the4penas@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Fwd: CB61

Carleen Pena  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Carleen Pena <the4penas@verizon.net>  
To: councilmail <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>  
Cc: Akittleman <Akittleman@howardcountymd.gov>  
Sent: Mon, Sep 18, 2017 12:58 pm  
Subject: CB61

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Seth/Nhung <nhungtna@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written testimony for Council Bill 61

Dear Howard County Council Members,

Our family has been living in the same house in Howard County for the last 16 years. We love our neighborhood of Dunloggin due to the sense of community and civility among our neighbors. However, my two sons may be attending two different high schools next year due to the redistricting proposals. A direct result of weak APFO regulations that do not favor the citizens who live in Howard County but the developers.

As a long term Howard County residence, we are seeing the results of overdevelopment in our schools, on our busy roads, and in policies that do not protect the taxpayers of Howard County.

Our communities are speaking out and want you to know that we will watch this issue carefully!

I am requesting that the Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions:

- school capacity limits is set to 100% at all levels.
- mitigation begins when a school reaches 95%.
- no reduction in wait time for housing allocations or school tests.
- APFO needs to be reviewed every 4 years.
- APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation and other community facilities.

Please be on the side of the citizens of Howard County.

Sincerely,

Nhung and Seth Na  
4352 Columbia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dunloggin  
United Neighborhood

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Elena Talanova <e.talanova@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW

Dear County Council member,

My name is Elena Talanova. I am a resident of the Howard county and have a daughter in 9 grade. I am really concern about Howard County school system and what is happening with school redistricting.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Sincerely,

Elena Talanova  
2778 Plum Meadow Drive,  
Ellicott City, 21042

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**From:** Julie Neal <julieaneal@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 - NO DELAY - ACTION REQUIRED NOW!

Esteemed Howard County Council Members,

I have lived in the Laurel section of Howard County for over 17 years. I have two school-aged children. Their schools have been subjected to the negative effects of redistricting at both the elementary and middle school levels due to poor planning for new developments. Overcrowded hallways, classrooms, and buses are now the norm and it must stop! Additionally, I have concerns about the pace of growth and its effect on roads and public services such as fire/police and the hospital.

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Sincerely,

Julie A. Neal  
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Laurel, MD 20723



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**From:** Nooreen Zaidi <nfzaidi@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

My name is Nooreen Zaidi and I have been a Howard County resident for over 12 years. I am the parent of two high schoolers and an elementary school child. I am appalled at the state of our weak APFO. I don't understand how Howard County is the fourth richest county in the United States and yet we can't work out how to keep our schools from overcrowding. There is no dialogue between developers and school board for planning, only the language of money! Our kids are the ones who will be negatively affected by this, the same youth who are taught in school to achieve their dreams, be respectful and "choose civility", is there any civility in our current school situation, neighborhoods been torn apart and uncertainty of what is to come?

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Nooreen Zaidi  
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Ellicott City MD 21043

## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Kris Maciorowski <komaciorowski@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61- NO DELAY - ACTION REQUIRED NOW!!

Dear Council women and men,

I am an Ellicott City resident and have lived here for 11 years. I've been a HoCo resident for 17 years. I have two children, ages 14 and 13, who attend Centennial High School and Burleigh Manor Middle. The weak APFO causes me great concern especially in the area of school overcrowding.

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I live in District 1 - my address is 3708 Mesa Court. My vote for the next council person and County Executive will be highly influenced by the outcome of the APFO legislation. Howard County parents vote.

Thank you,

Kris Maciorowski

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Martin Willigan, Jr <martinwilligan@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

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Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

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Please do not move forward with any policy that results in job loss, cuts to vital County services or limited growth in the County. Please vote for Council Bill 61 as drafted.

Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

Martin Willigan Jr  
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Columbia, MD 21044  
martinwilligan@hotmail.com

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carleen Pena <the4penas@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB61

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Carleen Pena  
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**From:** Forrest, Chris (CFORREST) <CFORREST@arinc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written Testimony For CB 61

My name is Chris Forrest and I reside at 10305 Greenbriar Ct, Ellicott City MD 21042. I have lived at this address for 9 years after living overseas for 5+ years. Prior to living in the UK for 5 years, I resided in the Elkridge section of Howard County for 5 years. My concern today is that we are not choosing to grow our county responsibly. I commend Mr. Kittleman for setting up a task force to look at APFO as it has been long overdue.

Let me give you some background on where my concerns stem. As I mentioned, my family has lived in Ellicott City for some time. I work in Annapolis. We chose Howard County as this is a midway point for the different directions we take to make a living. We chose Howard County because our previous experience living here....to put it simply we were coming home. We chose Howard County because of the reputation school system in 2008 and we knew our son would be given a good foundation for life. Today unfortunately I now deal with what was a 45-60 minute drive home with some evenings being closer to 90 mins due to increased development without the same investment in infrastructure. The traffic at the intersections 100, 29, 40, 70 can now take 30+ minutes. My son attends Manor Woods Elementary School. In 2014 his 1<sup>st</sup> grade year, capacity was at 672, just below school capacity of 681. Last year we ended the year just at 115% of capacity, so we have lived through the growth numbers represented in APFO. Unfortunately the development does not stop because we have met this number....we will continue to grow with new developments being delivered as we speak. From a personal experience, this quick a growth for a school is difficult for the administration, the teacher, and the students. Mr. Kittleman you attended our Blue Ribbon ceremony in May, you could see how uncomfortable and perhaps unsafe it may have been to have that many students in the cafeteria. There is a separate issue related to how the school system responds to development they should know is coming. The answer can't be to just add portables. This a temporary fix. More money needs to be available to the school system and better communication needs to happened between DPZ and HCPSS to understand capacity impacts.

I am often asked at work why do I live so far away? It was easy, I used to brag how good the community and the school system was. My colleagues would argue that the Severna Park and Broadneck communities and school system is great. I would say I understand, but Howard County is even better. That was 8 years ago. Based on the unbridled construction and lack of parallel investments in infrastructure and schools, that is not a valid argument anymore. Howard County seems to have rested on its laurels and just assumed the county will stay great without effort. That isn't the case. A lack of planning for growth is making the investment we put into our homes and associated property taxes one of diminishing returns. We have friends move to Carroll County for a better quality of life. As I sit in traffic jams on I-100 or I-29, or listen to my son describe how crowded and noisy his classes can be, I wonder why we are staying here.

The recommendations from the APFO task force which do not go deep enough are reflected in CB-61. We need to amend CB-61:

- School capacity limits need to be set at 100%.
- School capacity must include High Schools. We are telling our 13-18 years olds they don't matter by not including a HS test in APFO. All stages of school are important and should be represented when making development decisions.
- No reductions to the wait times.
- Impact fees need to realistically cover the cost of an additional family. School, roads, fire, police, recreation all need some of these funds. Current impact fee does not come close to covering the cost of a school age child in the system.
- Real estate transfer tax needs to increase by at least 1.0%.

- APFO testing needs to include fire, police, recreation (quality of life factors). Our fire and police are ready to serve, let's listen to their needs so they can serve effectively.
- APFO legislation needs to be reviewed on a regular interval. Every 4-5 years would provide time to see how the county is fairing with current legislation. As with most things we need to adapt more quickly to needs as they appear.

I appreciate your time to consider my feedback. I hope you will help create a future for Howard County that will have the next generation proud to say they are from Howard County and that we have chosen to build responsibly.

Sincerely

Chris Forrest

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**From:** Beth Schaeffer <ewschaeffer03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:52 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

I am a Howard County resident and also work for a company headquartered in Howard County. I have 2 young children at Hollifield Station Elementary School. I am seriously concerned with the overcrowding at our schools, and do not believe that the county has put the necessary measures in place to evaluate the capacity of the county resources to keep up with the demand for new construction development.

I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Thank you,

Elizabeth Schaeffer

8730 Chapel Hill Drive

Ellicott City, MD 41043

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**From:** Kim Nagy <kimberlynagy1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written testimony for Council Bill 61

Good afternoon,

I have lived in Howard County for 16 years. I was drawn to this county for the proximity to both DC and Baltimore, the wonderful amenities of the county and the distinguished schools. I had always planned to send my 2 boys to private school like I had attended for 12 years. But with distinguished schools in this county, we decided to enroll them in public school. They currently attend St. Johns Lane Elementary and Patapsco Middle school both of which are overcrowded. My 5th grader is currently in a portable full time for his homeroom at St. Johns Lane Elementary school. That is disgraceful!!

I am worried if the county doesn't do a better job controlling and planning for development, the schools will be forced to redistrict again in 2-3 years. Roads are seeing increased congestion. This is making Howard County much less appealing for me.

I am requesting that Council Bill 61 is amended with the following provisions to more fairly and equitably balance well-planned growth and effective mitigation for our public infrastructure:

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Increase real estate transfer tax by 1.0%.

APFO needs to include measures for public safety, emergency services, recreation, and other community facilities.

In conclusion, I ask that you consider the well being of current residents and ensure that our schools, roads, EMS services are not pushed to the brink.

Thank you for time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Nagy  
3117 Hearthstone Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** stacybethi@gmail.com on behalf of Stacy Ichniowski <stacy@tealdragon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan; Stacy Ichniowski; Scott Ichniowski  
**Subject:** WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COUNCIL BILL 61

We have lived in Howard County for almost 17 years. We have three children in Howard County public schools grades 11 through 5.

We are deeply disturbed that Howard County has such a weak APFO that allows developers to build new homes without contributing an adequate amount to build new schools; and support fire, police, emergency services, among other county facilities!

It is unacceptable that the county is considering increasing our property taxes to make up for the low fees that developers pay in our county!

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Increase real estate transfer tax to account for resale contributions.

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These issues will be a high priority when we consider our votes for in the next election!

Stacy and Scott Ichniowski  
3112 Dunes Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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**From:** jyoutzgrams@gmail.com on behalf of Jennifer Y. Grams <jygrams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Council Bill 61 -- NO DELAY -- ACTION REQUIRED NOW !!

Dear Elected Officials:

I am a 10-year resident of District 1 and I have been following the APFO discussion very closely. Please let this letter serve as a reminder that your fiduciary obligation is to the taxpayers and voters of Howard County, not developers.

As such, I urge County Council to vote this month on CB61. Updates to the County's APFO are well overdue as evidenced by the County Executive's action to form a committee to review and submit recommendations to APFO and his subsequent drafting of CB61 and CB62. We need immediate action on APFO.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Youtz Grams

3050 Terra Maria Way

Ellicott City MD 21042

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**From:** GIRMA TSEGAYE <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 12:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

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Thank you for consideration of this important bill and for your service to the County.

Sincerely,

GIRMA TSEGAYE  
6099 Wilson Blvd  
Arlington, VA 22205  
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**From:** Mark Johnston <mjohnston@glwpa.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

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Sincerely,

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mjohnston@glwpa.com

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**From:** Douglas Vande Ryt <dvanderyt@glwpa.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
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**From:** Lynn&Jeff <lbj2000@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** APFO Testimony

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I attended the Council meeting on September 11, 2017. I listened to CB 60 and 61 testimony. I did not plan to testify on APFO, but after listening to the children testify about school conditions, I knew I must.

We moved to Howard County in the summer of 2016. In other states, my children attended schools/school districts that used portables to manage capital spending. However, those portables had water/bathrooms. Any portable used in Howard County should have a bathroom. From the young girl's testimony, it seems as if they do not.

Last year was the first year one of my children has not used a portable. My son attends Northfield Elementary and did not have to attend any classes in a portable. While I understood the need for portables, I can say the educational experience is better without them. The Northfield Elementary School art rooms are amazing. However, last year, my son's homeroom classroom was a converted resource room, so it was smaller than a traditional classroom. They repurposed an adjoining restroom into a "cloakroom", and discreetly moved wooden cubbies in front of the urinals. When I first saw the classroom set-up I thought the school was very resourceful, and was impressed with their ability to manage a less than ideal situation. Even though the classroom was cramped, my son had an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> grade year, due to his teacher, Ms. Donna Dixon, and her dedication to the students. During the current 2017-2018 school year, due to the increased number of students, Northfield moved a classroom into a portable.

As I learn more about school funding and redistricting, I worry that we do not have appropriate facilities for our students, and we are not preparing for the future. How did the county get to a point where Howard High School is at 137% of capacity? Centennial is at 123% of capacity; Long Reach is at 120%. At those numbers, students are not getting the attention they need to grow. It makes it harder to join sports teams, and participate in drama, and other extracurricular activities crucial for success.

I was heartened to hear that the County Executive wants to fast track the construction of HS13. However, it is 5 years away and we are facing a crisis now.

My daughter is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Dunloggin Middle School. She says it is difficult to move in the hallways it is so crowded. Please accelerate the improvements and expansion at Dunloggin Middle School.

Schools are not the only public infrastructure in need of help. On Dunloggin road there must have been a “water event” under the blacktop, and it has rippled a major portion of the road. Crews work to fix breaks, but I feel like these are band aid measures. The road will be shut down this week for repairs. Many roads are not wide enough for traffic. The turn lanes and U-turns on Route 40 are scary and dangerous.

Last week I drove from Northfield Rd. to Route 40, against traffic. At 8:30 a.m. on a Thursday morning, there was bumper to bumper traffic from Northfield to Frederick Rd. and almost to Route 40. Until then I had no idea what a “moving parking lot” was.

We need adequate facilities. And developers need to pay an appropriate amount to cover the new development.

My recommendations:

1. Stop development when schools are at 100% capacity at the elementary, middle school AND HIGH SCHOOLS.
2. Raise the rates developers pay.
3. Fast track HS13 in the eastern part of the county.
4. Start planning for the 14<sup>th</sup> high school so we are prepared if we need it. I cannot believe we will get no relief from high school over capacity until the 13<sup>th</sup> high school is opened in 2022 (fast tracked date).
5. Accelerate improvements at Dunloggin Middle School. (Other schools need attention too.)
6. Improve roads, water and sewers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynn Bolenbaugh

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**From:** Kelsey Meteyer <kelseymeteyer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB60-2017

Good Morning,

I am a farm owner in Glenelg and DO NOT support Council Bill 60.

At this time, there has been an influx of invasive species in the area, which adversely affects our fields and requires more chemical use. By adding additional species brought into the area with the addition of composting materials, this will require an increase in pesticide use. This is an environmental and financial burden to the farming community.

Thank you,

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Kelsey Meteyer

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**From:** Carl Gutschick <cgutschick@glwpa.com>  
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**From:** China Williams <china.williams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Do not delay vote on APFO

Dear Council Members,

Like many, I moved to Howard County specifically for the schools. The schools are doing a fantastic job but they are hindered by lack of political leadership and planning. Our schools are overcrowded now and we need immediate action on APFO. County Council members need to show the community that their first priorities are the schools by not delaying the vote on APFO. Now is the time to add the following parent-endorsed amendments to APFO to ensure strong schools and communities:

- 1) close schools to development at 100% capacity
- 2) add a high-school test at 100% capacity
- 3) increase impact fees to match neighboring counties and fully cover the cost of adding new seats
- 4) increase transfer tax percentage on resales to help off-set the costs of new seats being added from resales.
- 5) stronger tests for road and safety services

Do not delay the vote. Parents need to see where you stand on this important issue.

Thanks, China Williams  
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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Philip Warsal <philip@chesapeakerealtypartners.com>  
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**From:** Cary Cumberland <cary@vikingcustomhomes.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 9:49 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I support Council Bill 61 as Drafted

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Dear Chairman Weinstein and Members of the Howard Council,

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Specifically, I am opposed to any potential amendment to lower the school capacity test, add a high school capacity test or increase school impact fees. Howard County's total development fees are already among the highest in the State when taken together with the MIHU fee and the building excise tax which are generally not present in other counties. Any of these potential amendments which have been introduced during recent testimony will drastically limit the County's ability to meet its Plan Howard 2030 residential and commercial development goals as well as its goals related to job growth and economic development. Failing to meet these goals may have devastating impacts on the County's budget through loss of permit fees, impact fees, MIHU fees, property tax revenue and income tax revenue causing significant budget shortfalls, decreases in vital public safety and health services and layoffs to Howard County staff, teachers, and first responders. They would also undermine the substantial efforts of the APFO Task Force and all of the County's resources that were devoted to establishing a fair and reasonable compromise between the goals and interests of all stakeholder groups. If any of these amendments are introduced, they must not be acted upon until a full fiscal analysis of the negative impacts to the County budget and economy is completed.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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**From:** amir@expeditedcouriergroup.com  
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**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Written testimony for Council Bill 61

Please note I attended our association meeting at turf valley and found out about this bill. As a homeowner in HOCO for 20 years and making donation to the Fire dept I believe the County needs to address the safety and congestion in schools in HC ASAP. Please help.

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