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To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Council Bill 62-2018

For posting and legislative file, please note this is for CB63 (not 62)...thanks!

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From: Ricky & Leslie Bauer [mailto:rrfarm@verizon.net]
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Subject: Council Bill 62-2018

Honorable Council members:

My name is Ricky Bauer and I reside at 13817 Howard Rd, Dayton. I am a past member and former chair of the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. I am writing you to ask for your support of Council Bill 62-2018. During my time serving on the board I personally experienced, and witnessed many others experience, difficulties with our ever growing number of non-farm neighbors. It came to light, after many inquiries from the ag community for help that there wasn't a lot of avenues to seek help for these problems, and after reading the ALPB roles and rules, our hands were often tied to be of much assistance with these inquiries. After sharing some of these concerns with County Executive Kittleman, he appointed an Agricultural Coordinator, a great step, but we thought there should be a broader group to give the ag community a place to bring questions, problems and disputes to and a place to help find solutions. Who better than the ALPB, which is already in place, with a diverse group of ag and ag related people to accomplish this? After discussions with many council members, and especially with the help and hard work of Council Chair Ms. Sigaty, who after much discussion and research on her own came up with this bill. I think if this can pass it will go along way to try to alleviate conflicts in the county pertaining to the business of agriculture. The only change I would like to see is the role of the ALPB board expanded a little more so that when it comes to actual ALP easement business that does not involve the exchange of funds, the board would have final say to request with out involving other personnel employed by county government in the final decisions.

Thank you,
Ricky Bauer
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