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The Honorable Mary Kay Sigaty
Chairperson
Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Subject: CB 73 -2018 Amending Section 2 of Council Bill 46-2016

Dear Ms. Sigaty:

On behalf of the residents of Owen Brown, the Owen Brown Village Board respectfully voices our opposition to Council Bill 73-2018. The county's Conditional Use regulations are an important tool in protecting the character of Columbia and Owen Brown while ensuring development can continue in accordance with the master development plan. We support enforcement of the applicable Conditional Use regulations and oppose any attempt to grant exceptions to these rules or grandfather in specific businesses. CB 73 clearly intends to make those exemptions for Royal Farms and we respectfully ask that you oppose it.

In the spirit of ensuring development of our community is consistent with our character and to ensure that there are not two different sets of rules for different businesses, our Board has previously opposed a Site Development Plan submitted by Royal Farms that did not meet NT zoning requirements. In that same spirit, we now oppose this attempt to exempt Royal Farms from adhering to those requirements. We ask that the County Council opposes CB 73-2018 and supports the spirit of our intent into the future.

Sincerely,

Wayne Eldridge, Chair
Owen Brown Village Board

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