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Dear County Executive Ball and Councilmembers:

First, kudos to all of you for your tireless efforts toward creating and maintaining this safe community known as Howard County.

I am writing as a concerned citizen who opposes CR89-2019.

The resolution, in my opinion, contains two major flaws:

- its claim that the land no longer has a public use
- that the fair land price should be \$50,000

This tract DOES have value. (Howard County's Department of Transportation has slated for the stretch of Old Route 108 and Columbia Road as potential bike paths, for example.)

This area is the hub of enormous traffic congestion effecting Old Annapolis Road, Dorsey's Search, Centennial, Dunloggin, Nob Hill, and many more communities. This horrendous traffic congestion negatively impacts residents and businesses/medical park in and around Dorsey Hall Drive, including the Dorsey's Search Village Center. Additionally, it negatively impacts traffic flow on Route 29. This is a major cut-through that is also utilized by police, firefighters, and EMTs/paramedics serving our area. We are asking the Council to consider incorporating a double-turn lane here to help alleviate this dangerous and frustrating congestion.

With the addition of numerous housing developments along Old Annapolis Road, the congestion worsened. Flooding issues worsened, too, thanks to hard surfaces that replaced trees, etc. Surely the County's engineers can find solutions for this region without giving the land away for the paltry price of \$50,000!

As taxpayers, every resident in this area has been negatively impacted by the decisions made to add these developments. And, as taxpayers who VOTED for those who make these decisions, we hope to hear sensible solutions regarding CR-89.

My neighbors and I thank you in advance for taking these matters into consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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