

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ryan Williams-Abrams <rwilliamsabrams@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2019 3:19 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Subject:** Please Support CB17!

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ryan Williams-Abrams and I am a junior at Marriotts Ridge High School. I am writing to urge the Council to consider and approve CB17-2019.

Our schools are at a critical tipping point and we are running out of options to relieve overcrowding. CB17 would provide a necessary extension to the waiting period for new housing development in areas that feed schools that are already overcrowded. It is essential that the County provide this additional time to allow school infrastructure to catch up from the boom in our student population.

We have recently heard from our elected officials that there are 3 remedies currently in place to relieve school overcrowding. Unfortunately, all of these options are close to expiration, pushing us deeper and deeper into a ditch.

1- Redistricting - The Board of Education has stated that this remedy is coming to an end as there is limited capacity left.

2- Building a new school or additions - We have heard that the timeline to put a shovel in the ground for an elementary school (which needs the least amount of land and has the lowest cost) is a minimum of 3 years. Even additions take years to get done. And for either of these, we need money. Money, that we our painful budget process showed us, that we do not have.

3- Trailers - Dr. Martirano stated publicly that those are reaching maximum capacity at some school sites, not just because of the land, but literally because the utilities needed to run them are maxing out. In addition, trailers do not solve the problem of overcrowded hallways, cafeterias, and gyms.

With all three relief options running out, we are heading towards a brick wall. All we have left is to control the number of students that are entering the already overburdened school system. Resales cannot be slowed but new development can. We need to amend our laws to provide relief for our schools.

This is not a matter of options. We have run out of them! Please support CB17 and the Howard County student population.

Sincerely,

Ryan Williams-Abrams

District 1

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**From:** Wendy Williams-Abrams <wmrlz@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2019 2:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin; superintendent@hcpss.org  
**Subject:** Please Support CB17!

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Dear Council Members, County Executive Ball, and Dr. Martirano,

I am writing to you regarding CB17. It is vital to the long term sustainability of our county's education system, property values, and quality of life that you vote in support of this bill. I have four boys in the Manor Woods, Burleigh Manor, and Marriotts Ridge schools, and the influx of students into their schools is ever-increasing. As the PTA president for the past two years at Manor Woods, many parents have expressed to me their frustration that the county council will not curb new development.

Only being able to hold off new development for four years means that the county is always trying to play "catch up" with the new development, and the kids are the ones who suffer through overcrowded classrooms and the relentless threat of redistricting. We all know that the pot of money is not bottomless, and with impact fees being woefully inadequate, we need to use any means necessary to slow growth. This bill would give the county and BOE three additional years to ensure adequate infrastructure to support the new families' needs.

For the sake of all of our children, our quality of life, and to protect our county's reputation as a desirable place to live and work, I am asking you to please support CB17. Our county needs you to do the hard thing and resist the lobbying of the MBIA and HCAR. You were elected to represent the people of this county, not the developers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Williams-Abrams  
District 1  
3144 Saint Charles Place  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Jennifer Y. Grams <jygrams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 2:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** Support for CB-17

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Dear Council Members:

My name is Jennifer Grams and my children are students at Manor Woods ES & Burleigh Manor MS. I am writing to urge the Council to consider and approve CB17-2019.

Our schools are at a critical tipping point and we are running out of options to relieve overcrowding, ESPECIALLY in the northern region of the county where we are dealing with the housing explosion at Turf Valley that is exempt from APFO.

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Y. Grams  
District 1



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**From:** Lorri Raney <Iraney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 9:45 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB17

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing to ask for your support of CB17. I have been a Howard County resident for over 16 years, and in that time, the impact of building has taken a detrimental toll on our county. I understand that a certain amount of progress is good, but I feel that our schools and roads have not been funded enough to keep up with so much change. It makes common sense to have developers wait until schools are able to absorb additions. Please consider supporting something that will help our county in such a positive way.

Respectfully,  
Lorri Raney

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**From:** Kari <kari\_george@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 9:32 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please Support CB17

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Dear Council Members,

Please support Council Bill 17-2019 to extend the wait time before a developer can build in a closed area. It takes much longer than 4 years to locate and acquire a site, and build a new school. We need the additional wait time to prepare for the growth.

Thank you,

Kari George  
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**From:** M Mangino <mangino4@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 7:32 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please support cb17

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Council,

Please support the extension to ensure adequate facilities in Howard County. Further we need developers to pay the fees needed to support the facilities they are developing, e.g., fire fees.

Mike Mangino  
Howard County

