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Good Morning! My husband testified on Monday evening against adoption of CB40. We are the couple who purchased a lot to build on and then decided to stay in our current Dunloggin home.

I am 100% committed as a homeowner "up the hill" from Ellicott City to doing whatever I can to mitigate flooding. For example, the erosion in our backyard has been extensive and we are currently saving up to totally regrade, add the most absorbent ground cover we can and divert water away from the city we support and love. I realize this is a tiny thing but this is our perspective and commitment to doing whatever we can to help. Two of my close friends own businesses on Main Street!

As we heard the other night, much of what will be done in single property development scenarios will IMPROVE runoff and mitigate the problem. After the hearing, we ran into the woman who testified about the flooding on her property - she lives on the road behind our lot. If we are able to develop our lot, we will IMPROVE the runoff situation on Valley Road and help those neighbors as well.

We are asking for this bill not pass so our property is again sell-able AND because of the safeguards that the county has put into place to assure single family development IMPROVES or mitigates the runoff situation rather than contribute to it.

If the moratorium is extended without allowing for exceptions for single family lots, I hope the county will consider waiving OR refunding property taxes we have had to pay for over a year now on a property that we cannot sell because at present, it has no value.

Finally, on a personal note, it was great to see you without your boot! Thanks for running an efficient council that listens and considers public discourse and comment!

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