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Dear Council Members,

Please find my attached testimony for CR 145.

Becky McKirahan Why Not Jessup?



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Since January of 2018, Why Not Jessup has worked hard to come together as a strong community and advocate for High School #13. Through 'Why Not Jessup' and 'Ridgely's Run Community Center' Facebook groups, we have over 400 people actively engaged.

On the table this evening is Council Resolution CR145-2019

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301 of the Howard County Code, granting variances for government uses from the use setbacks and height requirements for the 13th high school and ancillary roads, parking, sports fields, fences, and bleachers to be constructed on Property located along Mission Road in Jessup, Howard County, Maryland.

Our understanding is that this is another step in the process of construction process. We fully support this Resolution and ask for the Councils full support of it also.

As a community, we feel it is imperative to follow the progress of fulfilling the Board of Education's vote in March 2018 to open HS #13 in Jessup. Our county needs the school to open on time, to alleviate the severe overcrowding in our schools and we appreciate your support.

Thank you for all you do!

Becky McKirahan

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