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Good morning Council Members and others involved in the proposed CB No. 3-2020,

The Town Center Community Association Board has been discussing the upcoming scooter legislation and we would like to submit the attached letter listing our concerns for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to make this the best program it can be for all our residents. Thank you.

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CB No. 3-2020 Scooter Legislation

The Columbia Town Center Association Board recognizes forthcoming innovations in short trip transportation. If thoughtfully implemented, new options could provide benefits to the residents of Columbia. We have questions that we would like addressed in the County Council Bill No 3-0202 or as part of the scooter permitting process:

- Are there existing laws or codes that cover all dockless permits? Some cities now have dockless bikes, scooters, and even mopeds.
- How were the designated areas of operation identified? Do the boundaries take into consideration other modes of transportation like nearest bus stops?
- Are four permit holders the right amount? It appears that a maximum of 800 scooters will be allowed. How was this number determined? It's unclear if this an appropriate amount.
- We are concerned for safety of pedestrians on narrow paths, sidewalks, and shared multi-use paths. Could there be a lower than 10 mph limit as seen in other jurisdictions? Could residents ask that certain paths or sections of paths have no scooter (dismount) signs added?
- Will scooters be allowed on Little Patuxent Pkwy as a connection from East and West Columbia, and Gateway?
- Who will monitor scooters left on public sidewalks or anywhere else?
- How will the county monitor for violations? Are there new enforcement requirements for the Police?
- Will there be new signage or road striping that indicates where scooters are allowed or dis-allowed?
- Will the county provide a public information campaign, including do's and don'ts for riders?
- How does the county measure success? Will permit holder's data be shared with County Dept of Transportation?
- We ask that you all give serious consideration to the inclusion of three-wheel scooters equipped with seats and seat belts provided for disabled and/or aged Columbia and other Howard County Residents.

These thoughts are given in an effort to preserve resident safety and the high quality of life we enjoy in Columbia Town Center.

