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To the Howard County Council:

I support passage of council bills CB66 and CB64 for forest conservation and for strengthening enforcement of forest conservation laws.

I watched the clear-cutting of a huge swath of forest in my development (Taylor Village), which included many very large trees. Understand that it costs a developer more money to preserve forest, but I also know that people will pay extra to live in community that doesn't look like it sits on a shaven, barren plain. When the land that my house sits on was developed, the developer promised to retain large parts of the forest. Of course he didn't. It was shaven nearly clean, with only the unbuildable (steep or water-containing) parts of the area designated "forest preservation."

Yes, there are a lot of trees in Howard County, but clear-cutting the wrong ones (and replacing them with concrete) also leads to future consequences, as we have seen in Old Ellicott City. This bill doesn't ban clear-cutting, it only requires oversight of additional areas of proposed clear-cutting. I support both these measures and believe that the county council should too.

Thank you,

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# Smarter Growth Alliance for Howard County

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The Honorable Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
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**RE: Support of CB66-2021**

September 20, 2021

Dear Council Members:

The Smarter Growth Alliance for Howard County is an alliance of local and state organizations working together to foster healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities through smarter development and transportation decisions and improved protections for the county's natural, historic and cultural resources.

The recently updated Forest Conservation regulations were needed after a long history of non-compliance with State Law; with the severe loss, in Howard County, of far more intended trees and forests than should have been allowed. The County has areas they need to improve on forest conservation regulations; but, the implementation of the updates, and exemptions, have delayed the process of getting appropriate preservations in place.

CB66-2021 seeks to eliminate the exemption of certain Planned Unit Developments and Planned Business Parks. It is commendable that additional land added to a preliminary plan must adhere, but grandfathering; of any kind in Forest Conservation is inappropriate given how long we were out of compliance, removing trees inappropriately.

CB66 is very different from CCB64, which should be treated independently and passed on its own with considerable and commendable merits.

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation • Clean Water Action • Coalition for Smarter Growth • Community Ecology Institute  
Earth Forum of Howard County • HARP • Horizon Foundation • Howard County Citizens Association  
Howard County Conservancy • Howard County Sierra Club • Maryland Conservation Council  
Maryland League of Conservation Voters • Maryland Ornithological Society • Patapsco Heritage Greenway  
Preservation Maryland • Safe Skies Maryland • Savage Community Association • The People's Voice • Transition Howard County*

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Calvin Ball, County Executive

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Dear Council Members:

Thank you to Council Member Liz Walsh for this Bill. It's simplicity belies its significant importance.

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CB66 is very different from CB64, which should be treated independently and passed on its own with considerable and commendable merits. It addresses completely different issues than CB66.

Thank you.

Lisa Markovitz  
President