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Good afternoon council members. My name is Shelly Levey and I reside at HO-191: Forest View at 1805 Marriottsville Road.

I urge you to vote to approve CB 88-2021. Voting to approve this bill will save some of our precious historic structures that still remain. So many of our resources and surrounding settings have already disappeared and been replaced by enormous structures built to the maximum (or greater) zoning guidelines. Our charming country roads have been replaced by major roadways built to accommodate the new traffic that is the results from overdeveloping a large parcel. This reckless development strips our children, grandchildren and future generations of understanding the true roots of our county. As originally a farming community, we have fewer historic resources than some of our neighboring counties which makes this bill an urgent matter to address now. Our neighboring counties have already enacted laws that prevent this sort of demolition from occurring.

I feel that this bill would **reduce** the financial gain to the developer who purchases an old farmstead for development (profit). It would force him to partner with the county and the neighbors of the land to be more responsible (and less greedy) with both our historic and natural resources.

As the owner of Forest View since 2015 (which the developer initially requested to demolish upon purchasing the parcel), we have enjoyed many years restoring the house and maintaining the historic setting. Countless delivery people, contractors, family, friends and friends of our children have benefited from our efforts to save our history. From a contractor telling me after he has worked at our house that "he enjoyed every day at our property" to friends of our children saying they enjoy visiting our house more than any other house in the county to delivery drivers saying they "love coming up the driveway to our house for a drop off", our home has been on display to all showing the amazing work of our forefathers.

It is my sincerest hope that you, as our elected council members, act to stop the senseless demolition of our remaining historic structures. I am not asking that you prevent a developer from earning an income. I am simply asking that you vote to hold him as a more responsible partner in protecting our heritage. Your children might find that your vote on this bill was one of the most important accomplishments of your time in office.

Thank you for your consideration & best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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From: Hebner, Sally <shebner@enterprisecommunity.com>
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I am writing in support of Bill No. 88-2021. I have lived in Howard County Maryland since 1976, when my family moved into an historic home in Ellicott City, constructed by a member of the Dorsey family in 1857. I have always appreciated the history of our county, and the fact that we have so many historic structures and farms (though dwindling). I have fallen in love with historic structures, and I currently live in an historic home in western Howard County. We have worked to place our home on the county historic inventory, and we have worked hard in the 24 years we have lived here to restore our 1880's bank barn, our historic smoke house, and our 1912 farmhouse. I consider myself a steward of the land and these precious historical buildings, and believe in preserving them for generations to come. I am in support of Bill No. 88-2021, in the hopes that we can preserve more structures in the future.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if there is anything else I can do to help preserve our county historical buildings. Thank you for your consideration.

Sally S. Hebner (she/her/hers)