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Thank you,

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Dear Howard County Council,

My name is Mark and I wanted to reach out to you in request that you do not build a new library on the Columbia Lakefront. The amount of money is tremendous, and could be much better spent elsewhere, such as on new public school buildings, a hospital, etc.

This would be wasteful because people don't use libraries these days like they did decades ago. Statistics are showing that circulation numbers are low, and not improving. Also, as we know, there is a perfectly good library (Central) already in existence near the Lakefront.

\$144 million is an outlandish amount of money. As a taxpayer in Howard County, I ask that you please don't allow this to happen.

Thanks very much,
Mark Wieske