

Vote NO on CB52-2015

Tom Brzezinski [misterbrz@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 5:06 PM

To: CouncilMail

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Charles Johnson [jake91234@icloud.com]

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Charles Johnson

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Helen Kramer [hkramer@oberlin.edu]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 11:03 AM

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10321 Breconshire Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Helen Kramer [Helen.Kramer@oberlin.edu]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 11:28 AM

To: CouncilMail

Dear Howard County Council,

My name is Helen Kramer, and I have lived in Howard County my whole life. I write to ask you to please vote "NO" on CB52-2015.

Attending Howard County Public Schools, I learned to love our local environment, and I care deeply about protecting and nourishing the Chesapeake Bay watershed. CB52-2015 would threaten an important source of funding that helps clean up polluted runoff, which damages the Chesapeake Bay -- a beautiful natural treasure and an important learning environment for kids in our area. Some of my most memorable school moments involve learning about Chesapeake Bay oysters, raising trout in our science classrooms to be released into the bay, and actually wading in the bay on a school field trip where we released the trout.

When I learned about the Chesapeake Bay at Centennial Lane Elementary school, my teacher said that "Chesapeake" meant "clear," because the oysters in the Chesapeake filtered the water so well that people could see all the way to the bottom of the bay. Since then, I've learned all kinds of other reasons we need to care for the bay; our health and economy both depend on a flourishing bay ecosystem. Yet at the end of the day, I really hope that some day we will see the bottom of the Chesapeake once again. Voting "NO" on CB52-2015 will lead us in the right direction.

Thank you for your time,
Helen

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Karen OSteen [kposteen@comcast.net]

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Roderick Barr [rodbarr@verizon.net]

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Omar Siddique [omars1234@gmail.com]

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William F Reichert Jr [Wreichert10@verizon.net]

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linda schiffer [lindaschiffer@me.com]

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ken steil [KENSTEIL@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 1:53 AM

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Lynn Lawton [skilawton@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:52 AM

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CHARLES WATERS [donwatersjr@aol.com]

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Samuel Newman [samuelnewman12@hotmail.com]

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Elkridge, MD 21075

Vote NO on CB52-2015

Charles Stirrat [stirrbird@outlook.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 1:08 PM

To: CouncilMail

Dear County Executive Kittleman and Howard County Council:

I understand that CB52-2015 was recently introduced to repeal Howard County's Watershed Protection and Restoration fee.

I'm deeply concerned that removing the fee would undermine our county's Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and erode our ability to meet the requirements of our federal MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit. Removing the fee is a bad choice that could jeopardize Howard County's water quality and a future of fishable, swimmable rivers and streams.

Several analyses done by the County over the past several years point to the need for this fee.

Our 2012 Phase II County Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) suggests that such a fee would be the most fiscally prudent and reliable way to fund our stormwater management program. This assessment predates the state mandate for a county fee that was removed in the last session of the Maryland General Assembly. State mandates aside, I still believe that the fee is the most reliable and fiscally prudent way to address our stormwater management needs and requirements.

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I have not yet heard a compelling argument for CB52-2015 that overrides the significant tide of the County's own evidence in support of maintaining our Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

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Thank you.

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William Herbert [billherbert@mail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 12:18 PM

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Dear County Executive Kittleman and Howard County Council:

I voted for my executive and all of my current council members in the hope and belief that it was the best team to find the good compromises between fiscal attention and building community infrastructure, the most fundamental of which is the natural environment that sustains us all.

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William Herbert
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Columbia, MD 21046

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Gregory Buffaloe [easyman123@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 3:01 PM

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8026 Jane Garth
Jessup, MD 20794

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Pat McLaine [amclaine@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 11:35 AM

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Pat McLaine
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Jeffrey Ellis [nophone70@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:33 AM

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