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## **Favorable with Amendment**

We strongly encourage you to support the city of Bowie taking ownership of the Bowie racetrack land. We live in Saddlebrook, which is next to this land, and we wish to see it remain as a type of green space owned and controlled by the City of Bowie.

We support the City of Bowie's position regarding ownership of the Racetrack Bowie Training Center Property on Racetrack Road in Bowie, and protection of the parcels as a green/recreational space. We support the Senate Bill 987 and we would like the House Bill 1056 to reflect the Senate Bill 987 in regards to the Bowie Training Center Property.

We request the House to please amend House Bill 1056 to give the land only to the City of Bowie and the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, limit land use to open and green space, limit development to only one structure (up to 50,000 square foot in size), allow the City of Bowie to enter into joint-use agreements for athletic uses with Bowie State University, and please remove the task force. In other words, we would like the House bill 1056 to reflect the Senate Bill 987.

Sincerely, Mike Ahorn Andrew Lange