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To Whom It May Concern:

As a longtime resident of Bowie, I have the fondest memories moving here in my early twenties as a single woman buying my first home in the Northridge Community. I have watched this beautiful city grow beyond measure and become a melting pot for families to raise their children. Over the last 21 years living here, I got married and had two children while living in the same home. The area has changed a lot around us but the quaint community is still here. However, I believe that the Racetrack land is better suited for the university's growth. The university has greater long term benefits to the citizens of Bowie. The city's most recent growth has been commercial and housing development. We would greatly benefit from the expansion of a local institution such as Bowie State University who has the ability to give greater opportunities to the community with additional programs, jobs and recreational space. This would ensure that additional taxes and costs are not levied to the citizens of Bowie in attempt to pay for development of this land.

Sincerely,

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