

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS HB 1056

PHOTOS ATTACHED

My name is Kraig Lattimore and I am a Bowie resident who resides in the Saddlebrook West Community. My backyard borders the stable area of the Bowie Training Center. I am writing you to express my complete opposition to the Bowie Training Center property being transferred to Bowie State University.

The attached pictures are students and guests who flooded our neighborhood with parking and debris while attending a Bowie State student sponsored 4th of July party that took place about 2 years ago in Saddlebrook East Park. There were hundreds of people and parked cars in Saddlebrook East and Saddlebrook West. National Park Police on horses were called in to break up the party. Trash and bottles littered both neighborhoods.

We do not need the crowds, traffic, noise and litter that comes with collegiate activities. This includes athletic events, dorms and any other form of college campus life.

I think Bowie State is a great school and I believe in HBCUs. 4 generations of my family, including myself, and my children are graduates of HBCUs. However, this is my home and my neighborhood. We chose to buy here 16 years ago because it was peaceful and quiet. I urge you and the other state, county and local officials to respect and support our desire to designate the racetrack property for park purposes with a fine buffer of trees.

The property should be given to the city of Bowie for open space and park use. There are no parks on this end of Bowie. The city of Bowie would ensure upkeep and control access to the park.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support on this issue. We supported you and we hope you will support us.

Sincerely,
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