

My name is Brandon Russell, and I live in St. Mary's County. I am in favor of HB0012, and I urge you to vote for a favorable report on this matter.

I can provide two examples of properties this could directly benefit. These properties, both previously operated as a convenience store/gas station, are located three miles apart in Lexington Park, MD. They have been vacant for years. In fact, you can see the Great Mills Road location still advertises "Low Price Gas" at \$1.63. Both properties are located in the Lexington Park Development District, which is within the California-Lexington Park Metropolitan Statistical Area, and is home to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, a major economic driver for the County and State.

Providing a property tax credit to redevelop locations like these will directly benefit the surrounding area by bringing jobs, additional tax revenue, and improving blight.

Again, I urge a favorable report.

Thank you,

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