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HB 1056
Favorable with Amendment

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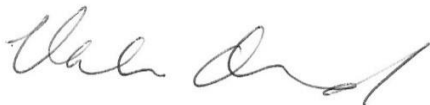
To: Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith

Re: HB 1056 Racing and Community Development Act of 2020

My name is Valerie Ormond, and I am writing to you as a longtime Bowie resident. I have spoken and testified on the Bowie Race Track issue in 2011, 2013, 2017, and most recently at Bowie's town meeting on January 4, 2020. I have been interested in keeping the race track property in some kind of equestrian use. Regarding the most recent discussions, I am favorable of HB 1056 with the amendment that the Bowie Race Track property be owned by the City of Bowie.

Bowie Race Track is part of Bowie's and Belair's rich history and landscape. And the City of Bowie has worked with race track owners, officials, and surrounding property owners for years to try and accommodate all. The City of Bowie officials are the right stewards to keep Bowie citizens happy, preserve open space, conserve history, and ensure there is minimal traffic in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Valerie Ormond".