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> The Honorable Erik L. Barron, Chair Prince George's County House Delegation Lowe House Office Building, Bladen Street, Room 207 Annapolis, MD 21401

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Chair Barron and Delegation Members:

It is beyond time that Prince George's County see revisions to its zoning and subdivision ordinances. These changes that are a part of PG-416-21 will allow the lengthy but essential process to continue

This true partnership, with county government, citizens and businesses working together to streamline the 50-year old Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, benefits all.

Business leaders appreciate the new zoning regulations efforts at spurring economic development at locations recognized as essential to county employment and future growth opportunities.

The legislation will allow the county to see a more user-friendly process, starting with simpler zones, while seeing public input increase throughout the review mechanisms.

The county will see a reduction in the number of zones, from 73 to 43, and those remaining zones will be renamed to make sense and allow for more easy application on properties throughout the county through a one-time Countywide Map Amendment (CMA) process.

This is another step in a process that the county has invested six years and six million dollars in so far in their efforts to implement the CMA and bring the new Zoning Ordinance to life, for the benefit of every community here.

I offer my full support to moving the legislation forward.

Respectfully,

M.H. Jim Estepp