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Dear Senator Guzzone and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

I am writing to you today as a private resident of Oakland Mills and not in any official capacity to express my support for Senate Bill 446.

I have lived in Columbia, Maryland for my entire life and spent 23 years living in the Wooded Ridge Townhome community in Long Reach before moving back to my childhood home on Thunder Hill Road.

Wooded Ridge is not that different from many of the townhome communities & condominiums peppered throughout Columbia. In fact, it is one of the more affordable options when it comes to housing in Columbia and Howard County in general. However, communities like Wooded Ridge will never be in a position to amass the amount of money it would take to perform some repairs such as repaving private roads.

I believe Senate Bill 446 is a good bill to enable counties to set funds aside for the purpose of repair and rehabilitation. I urge you to vote yes for this bill.

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