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TO: The Honorable Brian J. Feldman

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich

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RE: House Bill 1064, Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban

Sanitary Commission - Open Meetings - Live Streaming Requirement

MC/PG 101-25

OPPOSE

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 1064, *Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Open Meetings – Live Streaming Requirement MC/PG 101-25*, which amends State law governing open meetings of the Montgomery County Planning Board (Planning Board) and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water). Under current law, both entities are required to stream live video or teleconference audio of all open meetings. The bill exempts a project site visit or educational field tour from the live streaming requirement when no organizational business is conducted.

I believe that current law reflects the appropriate balance between ensuring transparency in the work of the Planning Board and WSSC Water and supporting their respective missions, and respectfully request that the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee give this bill an unfavorable report.

cc: Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee