



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

March 23, 2026

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman  
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Montgomery County Council to state our firm **opposition to Senate Bill 1005**, *Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission General Counsel and Powers of Local Planning Boards – Alterations*.

Senate Bill 1005 unwisely proposes a reorganization of the Park and Planning Commission by eliminating its core administrative functions. It would create a duplicative bureaucracy, costing Montgomery County taxpayers millions of dollars during a very tough budget year. This bill will have severe negative impacts on several departments including the Inspector General's office, Human Resources, Finance, and legal. It would increase fragmentation and weaken regional coordination on land use, transportation, parks, and environmental planning. Furthermore, this late-filed legislation did not benefit from the kind of consultation with stakeholders in Montgomery County that changes of this magnitude merit.

M-NCPPC is a national and local award-winning agency that has served the residents in Montgomery and Prince George's counties with national distinction for nearly a century. **Please do not let Senate Bill 1005 irreparably harm it.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natali Fani-González".

Natali Fani-González  
Council President

cc: Montgomery County House and Senate Delegations