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Subject: Council Testimony CB31-2017

My name is Stu Kohn and I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA. We are against this Bill and seek denial as recommended by the DPZ and the Planning Board. For both the DPZ and the Planning Board to deny this request or for that matter any request seems to be a rare moment and says a lot that these two bodies agreed that this ZRA should be denied. The real question in this proposal is what is the compelling need?

On 10 April, HCCA sent you a letter suggesting your consideration in declaring a temporary moratorium by sponsoring a Bill or Resolution on Zoning Regulation Amendments (ZRA's). This is based on the fact that the Department of Planning and Zoning is currently in an on-going process of assessment and review leading to a comprehensive update of the Howard County Zoning Regulations. We request that all ZRA's, except simple technical corrections, be held off until the review, amending and implementation of the new zoning regulations are complete. This would go a long way to streamline the process and to eliminate extra work by evaluating newly introduced regulations. Your feedback would be appreciated in this matter.

Thank You,

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