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**Howard County Citizens Association**

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Date: 18 November 2019

Subject: **HCCA Testimony for CB63-2019 – In FAVOR**

My name is Stu Kohn and I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association speaking on their behalf.

We are in FAVOR of this Bill as we were when we testified in March on CB11. We want to thank Council Members Jung, Rigby, and Walsh for voting in favor of CB11. We were very disappointed to have Councilman Jones who abstained and Yungmann voting no. This Bill made sense in an attempt to take a little pride to enjoy the view of designated Scenic Roads. What was even more unsettling was that the County Executive placed a veto on the Bill which was successful because it could not be over ridden. Humbug!

Why are we back here again? How does this Bill differ from the amended version of CB11? Will there be any grandfathering of this Bill for any applicable developments? Are we here wasting our time, effort, wear and tear of our cars or gas money? Will Mr. Jones and Yungmann consider changing their minds? We ask because their names do not appear on the Bill. Will the County Executive again strike his pen to declare a veto? We only hope that these participants will this time do the right thing and pass CB63.

In March regarding the testimony of CB11, HCCA proposed an amendment which was very warranted but ignored. Perhaps you will reconsider it in this Bill. Please refer to Page 2, Lines 7 thru 11 and add on Line 11 after the word “regulations” the following. “There shall be no destruction of existing mature trees or digging of any kind on Scenic Roads due to the need of utilities for any proposed developments within the immediate area.”

We look forward to hopefully seeing major improvements in the protection of our scenic roads. Just look behind you at the Howard County seal. If you enjoy this most scenic view then you shouldn't hesitate to vote in the affirmative as it is the right thing to do for the public to enjoy unobstructed scenery. Your seal of approval will go a long ways to really show your constituents that you care about the protection of scenic views.

Stu Kohn  
HCCA President