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Howard County Citizens Association

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Date: 20 September 2021

Subject: **HCCA is in FAVOR of CB65-2021**

My name is Stu Kohn and I reside in Laurel. I am the President of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA. We strongly support this Bill and we want to thank my County Council representative, Deb Jung for not only listening to our suggestion, but taking the necessary action.

Hopefully the Council will vote unanimously in favor of this Bill as it will definitely promote transparency for all your constituents. Referring to the proposed Bill granting the Department of Planning and Zoning from submitting its Technical Staff Report and adding a penalty for a violation is warranted for enforcement.

The impetus of this Bill is to provide all concerned parties to be informed as to potential developments in the community. The suggestion for such a Bill was predicated regarding a proposed fueling station requested by Harris Teeter in Turf Valley. The sad thing is that no one was informed because a sign was not required for the Zoning Regulation Amendment (ZRA).

How is one supposed to know what is going on in their neighborhood? Some might be concerned about the number of potential posters required to be posted. The bottom line is that the posting of a notification sign(s) at the given ZRA proposed property will in our estimation be advantageous than the current situation which is unfortunately non-existence. Councilman Jones in his e-newsletter said it best on his logo with the words, "We win together." He is correct we all win! We know all of you are committed to ensure your constituents are educated in any and all community activities. Your consideration by voting favorably for CB65-2021 will definitely be a good sign for all. Your vote will make a wrong a right!

Thank you for listening.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President