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Subject: PETITION AGAINST A NORTHERN ICC ALLIGNMENT

As President of the Oak Hill Estates Homeowner's Association, I am copying you on a letter of petition, signed and supported by our members and area neighbors, sent to Secretary Flanagan, of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

The petition is against the building of any so-called Northern Alignment to the ICC.

At the root of our democracy is the concept of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'.

We have all been working with a rather good Master Planning process in Montgomery County and have had the ICC in the Mater Plan for many years. We have all planned our lives around this Master Plan.

It is patently unfair to our democratic process to labor under the Master Plan process and then arbitrarily make drastic changes that impact so many people in such a major way.

Please respect our democratic values by honoring the Master Plan. If that does not suit, then do not build the ICC in Montgomery County. It seems to me, and many people that I have spoken with, that the more sensible approach to eliminating much beltway traffic over the next 50 years would be to build a Howard County (Route 32 / 108, etc.) ICC connection from Rockville to I 95, BWI, Annapolis, Baltimore, etc.

We hope that you will take this petition to heart and stick with the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Robert Rager, President

Oak Hill Estates Homeowner's Association

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# L ESTATES HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

PROTECTING PROPERTY RIGHTS OF THE TAX PAYING HOME OWNERS OF OAK HILL ESTATES

January, 2004

Secretary Robert Flanagan Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover MD 21076

Dear Secretary Flanagan:

We would like to express our disapproval of yet another non-Master Plan approach being considered for the ICC, the so-called 'Northern Alternatives' to the Master Plan. This road is an affront to the concept of community planning as it stands in obvious violation of the Montgomery County Master Plan, a document many of us have worked on for over twenty years and a guide with which we have made many life decisions, including buying houses, improving homes and property and locating near preferred schools and churches. All of this was done with the understanding that an ICC, were it to be built, would be located on a well publicized master plan route far South of our neighborhood. Beyond our own financial hardships, which would be considerable, any Northern Alternative would undermine the faith and credibility that any community, any homeowner, can place in the county's master plan commitment to its citizens and the ability of property owners and families to plan their lives and investments with any certainty or predictability.

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Robert Rager, President

SIGNATURES ATTACHED

cc. Congressman Albert Wynn, Steven Silverman, President Montgomery County Council, Senator Rona Kramer, Delegate Karen Montgomery, Delegate Anne Kaiser, Delegate Herman Taylor, Dan Johnson FHA, Neil Pedersen MSHA, Wesley Mitchell SHA, Glenn Orlin, Derrick Berlage MCPB, County Executive Douglas Duncan.

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## FAIRLAND MASTER PLAN CITIZENS A DVISORY COMMITTEE

January 23, 2004

TO: Chairman Derick Berlage and Planning Board

We were disappointed to learn that the Fairland M-letter addressed to Dan Johnson and Neil Pedersen distribution over a month ago was evidently not repast week, inserted into the large packet compiled letter was an effort to distill some key issues, and regarding longstanding concerns about Corridor 2 of a specific alignment. Given the holiday interruvolume of material you receive on the subject, we inadvertently did not get passed on at the time of a communications addressed to Board members can where possible.

With respect to yesterday's presentation by Mr. S. Master Plan Committee and the MD 28-198 Citiz to the Board just a couple reactions since there was

- 1. Besides the documented manifold General to Corridor 2, the circuitousness of the Norresembles something between a Rube Golfor Iraq—should itself be reason for concentrations of the Norbeck Connector transformation of the Norbeck Connector 10 (!) lane leviathan, as the local connector by side—a huge gash slicing through the wedge that would declare the irrelevance
- 2. Leaving SIX (6) versions of Corridor 2 in community north and south of MD 198 to continuing uncertainty and anxiety after it been held hostage to federal agency ICC (Potomac) crossing came up during the Tithe harm that "a line on the map" would c is scarcely a resident of Spencerville or B under such a cloud for years. The "spagh to it yesterday, pits not one or two but a hanother. It would be appropriate and held recommendations to SHA urges that at led dropped—in particular the no-brainer primmediate vicinity of the reservoir—to all

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ter Plan Committee's December 9 and sent to the Planning Board for ived by commissioners until just this yesterday's ICC discussion. The vide a summary for the record, it improper federal agency advocacy ons and fully recognizing the large same in this instance the item cipt. We hope that in the future of distributed in a more timely fashion

min, which I attended on behalf of the Poous Group, I would like to convey to opportunity for public testimony:

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3. In his remarks about the environmental obon the challenges along Corridor 1, which He should have noted, and you may want 2 would pose an unacceptable threat to the water supply as well as have similar poten Branch.

Thank you for giving these points consideration. well as the County Council, to protect the County policies and principles from usurpation by federal commitment to protect master plans—as manifest Chairman yesterday—is greatly appreciated by the property owners throughout the study area.

Sincerely

Stuart Rochester

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Dear Mr. Berlage:

We wanted you to have a copy of this letter and petition being filed by our HOA for Drayton Manor. Spencerville Option D on Corridor 2 of the ICC being proposed now goes literally through our backyards. Our development is new within the last two years and when we purchased our homes the ICC was a "dead' issue. In fact, many of us moved to get away from the ICC Master Plan alignment just in case. Little did we know that we would end up right back in the ICC's potential path.

Thanks,

Kevin P. O'Tool

From the desk of...

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Michael Carey, President

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