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Arthur Williams, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Williams,

I strongly oppose the proposed Inter County Connector (ICC) Highway. Please enter this letter into the formal record of the Draft Environmental Impact Study.

I have lived in Montgomery County for all of my life (35 years) and this matter is of great concern to me.

The reasons I oppose the ICC are as follows:

- The ICC would cause terrible damage to my community and others. The effects would include noise and air pollution, destruction and devaluation of homes, and destruction of green space.
- The ICC would not relieve congestion on the Beltway, I 270 or I 95, nor would it relieve congestion at most intersections across the ICC Study Area. Congestion would worsen at intersections at each end of the ICC.

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8. I opposed cost over \$1 billion to build the ICC - far too high a price to pay for a project that is a problem, not a solution. That billion dollars would not be available to improve public transit.

- The ICC's impact on the environment and public health would be devastating: the Master Plan Alignment would slash across many streams (Mill Creek, Rock Creek, Northwest Branch, Mint Branch, Little Point Branch and Indian Creek) The Northern alignment would slash across Mill Creek, Rock Creek, Northwest Branch, The Patuxent River watershed, & would impact Little Point Branch. All of these watersheds are critical to restoring the Chesapeake Bay. I oppose construction of the highway or any alignment.

- The ICC would undermine our regions efforts to meet federal clear air standards. Montgomery County and District of Maryland already fail to meet the standards for ozone, which has been linked to respiratory disease.

- The ICC would promote sprawl, hasten environmental damage and increase infrastructure costs that would be borne by taxpayers.

I do support a non-highway alternative that could help relieve congestion. This alternative includes improved landuse planning, expanded and improved public transit including an east-west light rail line, improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and improved intersections.

I OPPOSE THE ICC AND

I VOTE

Signed Angelina May