

18

April 26th, 1997

Alexis Michelle Goldstein
12501 Bracken Hill Lane
Potomac MD 20854

Parker Williams, Administrator
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Williams,

I strongly oppose the proposed Inter County Connector Highway. Please enter this letter into the formal record of the Draft Environmental survey.

I have lived in Montgomery County for eight years, and this is a matter of great importance to me. Today, April 26th, I hiked along 1/2 of the ICC's "Right of Way." I saw Montgomery County's 2nd largest tree, I visited beautiful stream beds, and I saw numerous homes, soccer fields and communities that would literally be right beside the ICC. I saw first hand the damage the highway would wreak unto our communities. I oppose construction of the highway in ANY ALIGNMENT.

The ICC will not relieve congestion on the Beltway, 1270, or 195, nor would it relieve conditions at most intersections along the ICC study route.

It will cost over \$1 billion, much too high a price to pay for a project that is a problem, not a solution. We could use this billion dollars to improve public transit.

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

I oppose the ICC and I will vote in the next election.

Signed,

Alexis Goldstein