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Mr. Parker Williams  
State Highway Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Williams,

I am very much opposed to the proposed Inter County Connector Highway (ICC). This is another roadway that will encourage sprawl development. Anyone who has traveled the newly widened RT 50 will say two things: easier to travel, but the amount of traffic has increased. It is only a matter of time before it is considered too congested by the automobile commuter, and the clamor for more roadbed will go up.

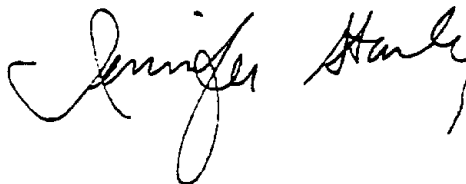
As someone who has had the experience of living in a city (NYC) and a small community (Oxford), I want healthful livable communities, agriculture products that come from the local surroundings, scenic beauty that only the natural environment provides and I want vital livable urban centers. All of these cannot exist if we continue to scrape and pave the land and let suburbia develop further and further out in a helter skelter fashion.

If we are truly interested in moving people now and for the future, we must be willing to work to change how we live and how we travel. And most importantly, we must not be afraid of planning for these changes.

When Americans travel here and abroad, they travel to explore and enjoy cities, rural and remote landscapes. I have not heard that suburban communities have attracted the tourist business and I would wager, they never will.

No! to the Inter County Connector.

Sincerely,



cc: Governor Parris Glendening