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Dear Mr. Williams:

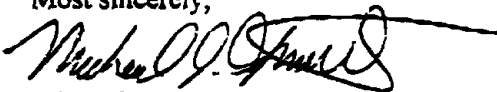
As President of the Shady Grove Woods Homeowners Association in Rockville, Maryland, I am writing this letter to express our association's ardent opposition against the proposed extension of Interstate 370, which has in recent times been referred to as the Intercountry Connector (ICC). Like legions of other Montgomery County and State of Maryland concerned citizens and voters, we firmly believe that the proposed ICC *will not* significantly alleviate traffic congestion. Moreover, if built, the proposed ICC will only make matters worse by perpetuating suburban sprawl, not to mention cause unmitigated destruction of the region's sensitive and priceless environment.

Our association requests that the State Highway Administration act on the following:

- (1) extend the comment period on the ICC Draft Environmental Impact Statement to at least 120 days. 75 days is not enough time to fully review a 1,000 page document which used \$5 million taxpayer dollars and 4 years to produce;
- (2) make one public hearing accessible by public transport; and
- (3) post the Draft EIS, including the technical reports, on the existing SHA World Wide Web site.

Our association thanks you and your staff in advance for your office's timely response to our concerns.

Most sincerely,



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