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Parker F. Williams, Administrator  
State Highway Administration  
P. O. Box 717  
Baltimore, MD 21203

RE: Montgomery County Intercounty Connector (ICC)/I-370

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are writing to you to register our **opposition** to the construction of the referenced ICC/I-370.

Construction of the ICC/I-370 will not relieve traffic congestion, will not reduce noise and air pollution, will not slow development, will not preserve environmentally necessary wetlands and flood plains, and will not contribute to the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Construction of the ICC/I-370 will cost \$1 billion plus dollars, will create more traffic congestion through intersecting streets into neighborhoods as well as transient traffic through the county, will cause noise (66 dBA plus) and air pollution, will assist business and residential developers in building projects which will contribute to additional congestion and stress on county facilities, will destroy forever valuable wetlands, flood plains, and wooded areas, and will be yet another destroyer of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The ICC/I-370 was first drafted on to the Master Plan in 1961. Having been raised in Montgomery County since the mid 1950s, we know that the planners in 1961 could never have envisioned the Montgomery County of 1997. Nor could these planners ever have understood the dangers of noise and air pollution to the health and well being of humans as well as animal and plant life, the negative impact of years of rapid business and residential development to county facilities, and finally the fragile balance of our environment. The ICC/I-370 plan is over 35 years old and has no value to our county.

We respectfully request that the State Highway Administration reject the Master Plan Alignment of the ICC/I-370.

Respectfully,

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