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Parker Williams, Administrator
State Highway Admin.
707 North Calvert St.
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Dear Mr. Williams,

I am steadfastly opposed to the Inter County Connector Highway. Please enter this letter into the formal record of the Draft Environmental Study.

I have lived in Montgomery County for eight years and this highway is of paramount concern to me. I've watched over the years as suburban sprawl destroys more and more of our farm land, forests, and rivers in Montgomery County, thus degrading our quality of life while offering no true economic compensation.

To spend ONE BILLION DOLLARS on the ICC for more such destruction is

utterly ~~unconscionable~~ unacceptable to me, my family and an overwhelming majority of the people in my community.

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 vote!

Hoping you will do the right thing and preserve our environment and communities,

Mike Takell

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