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Mr. Evan Glass, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Glass:

The Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County is pleased to support Bill 33-22, Capital Improvements Program – Affordable Housing Feasibility Study – Required. This legislation is an important step in Montgomery County's continued efforts to co-locate housing next to public facilities. We agree that every new project should be evaluated early in the planning process to see if affordable housing can be feasibly included alongside the proposed public facility.

Projects such as The Bonifant Apartments next to the Silver Spring Library, and Victory Crossing adjacent to the Third District Police Station, are proof that affordable housing can be built next to public facilities successfully. We support the bill's requirement that an affordable housing feasibility study must be prepared prior to facility planning or other early stages in the development of a capital project.

The Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County commends the Council's continued support of affordable housing. We urge you to approve Bill 33-22.

Sincerely,

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