

March 9, 2023

Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Ave  
Rockville, MD

Re: BILL XX-23; Establishment of Safety Plans for late night/early morning business operation; Support for Bill

Attention All:

My name is Lottie Sneed and I live in downtown Silver; My Senior Building is located on Bonifant Street. I moved to the area @ nine months ago. I chose the area for its vibrancy and walkable community score. I enjoyed walking and exploring block by block and through the help of my neighbors found some pretty amazing jewels.

The violent crimes of recent months have seriously impacted my confidence. I am much more careful in my outings now. I check in with family to assure that I am safely inside if I arrive in the evening hours. I plan my hours for outings. While parking, I watch to see if there is anyone approaching. I am much more careful and mindful now.

I love the diversity of my neighborhood – the restaurants especially. But, there have been several violent crimes of late. I want to feel that it is safe to invite family and friends for visits and to enjoy the community.

**I think that the merits of this Bill are completely sound.** I cannot imagine that a business would not want to have a safety plan for the reassurance of their customers. It certainly would make me feel better - that we have responsible businesses in our community. For them, it seems a sound business. For us – residents of the community, it is a matter of personal safety and assurance of a great quality of life.

**I support and look forward to the positive impact of this bill: XX-23. Thank you.**



Lottie Sneed