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The Honorable Andre Friedson, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Zoning Text Amendment 24-02 Agricultural & Rural Zones-Campground

Dear Council President Friedson:

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ZTA 24-02. We want to give a special thanks to Councilmember Dawn Luedtke and Marilyn Balcombe for their attention to this matter and their thoroughness in considering concerns of their constituency.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau supports ZTA 24-02. We also support many of the Planning Board's comments and believe they may help make a good ZTA better. To be specific, we agree with the 5% or 5 acres whichever is smaller, on line 45. We agree that a removable structure may need to be defined. We agree with the recommendation of 5 removable structures, similar to the proposed limit of 5 recreational vehicles on line 55-58. We also agree with increasing the stays to 3 nights to accommodate a 3 day weekend.

The goal of Montgomery County Farm Bureau, as in the other issues concerning the Agriculture Reserve, is to preserve prime and productive soil for agricultural production.

We believe ZTA 24-02 strikes a balance to allow farmers who wish to have a campsite to do so, with a minimal impact on prime and productive soil.

For this reason, Montgomery County Farm Bureau supports ZTA 24-02 and wants to thank the council for your careful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



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