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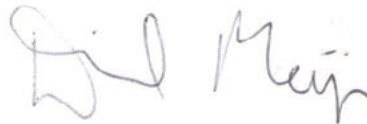
Dear Montgomery County MD Councilmember Friedson,

Thank you for sending me your e-mail of 3/14/25 titled: **"My Views on the Executive Proposed Property Tax Increase"**, in particular your statement in that e-mail: *"—it's our responsibility to fund schools, public safety, transportation, parks, and libraries without adding additional housing costs on residents."*

How will the proposed "N.O.W." set of ZTAs not impose; *"...additional housing costs on residents"*? In particular the one titled: **"Office-to-housing property tax abatement:** to establish a 25-year property tax abatement for converting high-vacancy commercial properties into housing with affordability requirements". Who then will pay for the: *"...responsibility to fund schools, public safety, transportation, parks, and libraries..."* that such properties this [your?] ZTA proposes now to exclude?

The next Montgomery County Executive will have to resolve that fiscal cost problem. Is this a budget issue that the next administration wants to (or deserves to) deal with?

Thus, how will all these proposed: "N.O.W." ZTAs be funded *"...without adding additional housing costs on residents"*?.?



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cc: Montgomery County Council – please add this letter to the N.O.W. testimony file