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Griffin Benton
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Maryland Building Industry Association
11825 W. Market Place
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Dear Griffin:

I am writing to formally object to the newly proposed \$20,000 fee for demolish an existing house and building a new one in Montgomery County, Maryland. As a resident and builder of this county, I find this fee to be excessively burdensome, especially considering that Montgomery County already has one of the highest property tax rates in the nation.

The imposition of this fee places an undue financial strain on homeowners who are seeking to improve their properties. It discourages development and modernization, which are essential for maintaining the vibrancy and economic health of our community. Additionally, this fee could potentially deter new residents from moving into the county, further impacting our local economy.

I urge the county to reconsider this fee and explore alternative solutions that would not place such a heavy financial burden on residents. It is crucial that we find a balance between generating necessary revenue for the county and ensuring that homeowners are not unfairly penalized for seeking to enhance their properties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope that you will take my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wilder
President