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Montgomery County Council

Stella Werner Council Office Building

100 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Montgomery County Council Members,

On behalf of the Clarksburg Neighbors Alliance (CNA) and thousands of residents that make up the entire Clarksburg community, we write to express our support for Expedited Bill 14-25, Special Capital Improvements Projects – Clarksburg Library. This measure allocates crucial funding for the construction of the eagerly anticipated Clarksburg Library.

For many years, our community has voiced its aspirations for a dedicated library facility, a cornerstone for knowledge, connection, and growth. We are grateful that the County Executive and County Council not only understood these persistent needs but took the first step to bring this long-held community need to fruition by including initial funding for the design phase in the FY 25-30 Capital Improvements Projects budget. Now the Council considers Bill 14-25 which would further authorize the planning, design and construction of the Clarksburg Library Project.

Our community is growing rapidly, and the need for this facility is becoming more pressing each day. The passage of this bill, and timely completion of the project, will represent a significant investment in our community's future. We envision the Clarksburg Library as a vital community hub, offering:

- Educational Resources: A place for all ages to read, learn, research, and explore.
- **Community Engagement:** A welcoming space for meetings, workshops, and increased civic participation.
- **Cultural Enrichment:** A venue for our incredibly diverse community to connect with expansive programming.

- Youth Development: A safe and inspiring environment for youth to foster a love of reading and learning, and a destination for our inquisitive young people.
- **Technological Access:** A crucial resource for digital literacy and access to information for the entire community; especially those we lack digital access.

Building the Clarksburg Library on schedule is not only essential for meeting the immediate needs of our residents, but also plays a critical role as an anchor for the broader, planned development of infrastructure and resources that the Clarksburg community currently lacks. Ensuring this project stays on track will allow other enriching initiatives to proceed as envisioned, so Clarksburg achieves the vision of not just being a collection of housing developments, but a vibrant, thriving, and beloved community.

Thank you once again for investing in the future of Clarksburg. We look forward to joining you to cut the ribbon on our sparkling new library in the near future!

Sincerely,

The Clarksburg Neighbors Alliance (CNA)

