



I am Thomas Kettler, lifetime Montgomery County resident and currently President of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce representing 191 businesses and organizations in Western Mo. Co. I am submitting testimony in support of two County CIP projects in Western Montgomery County 1) The new Western County Community Center 2) Installation of a pool bubble system on the Sarah E. Auer Outdoor Pool.

Speaking on behalf our local businesses, we fully support the Fair Access Committee for Western Montgomery County and the Town of Poolesville's efforts to work with the County to make these two projects a reality. We appreciate the Council's approval of the funding for the Community Center which will include space for a health clinic so desperately needed in our area. The proposed pool bubble system has not been included in the proposed budget and ask for reconsideration to include in the budget.

Both projects would be very beneficial for much needed economic development to the Poolesville area. The Community Center would provide more business and tax revenue by providing multiple activities and encourage residents to stay in Town and attract folks to come to Poolesville. Many of our businesses, who have been hurt by White's Ferry closing, continue to struggle to generate enough business to stay profitable. The Sarah E. Auer Outdoor pool is a great asset to our community but only open about 3 months a year. The

Pool bubble system would maximize use of the facility and provide additional economic benefits keeping residents in Town and attracting swimmers and family members to Town for year round use of the pool for recreation, exercise and team swimming competitions.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony with you.

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