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COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5

It's never easy meeting our county's ever-growing needs with our finite resources. We do the best we can, balancing our many needs — from life-saving fire and rescue services to good parks, good schools, good roads, good libraries, good transit and so much more that make Montgomery County a great place to live and work.

I appreciate that the Council is moving forward with a Student Loan Finance Program, which could make our county a national leader in helping ease our borrowers' crushing student debt.

Our East County residents, whom I represent, have often felt neglected. So I'm grateful that the Council is making significant investments there:

- \$237 million in additions and renovations at 10 of our East County schools, including \$123 million at Northwood High.
- Full staffing at our Hillandale and Burtonsville fire stations, to ensure prompt response times in emergencies.
- Adding a detective to our police vice unit, to combat human trafficking.
- Transit and pedestrian safety projects, including a second entrance and pedestrian tunnel under Georgia Avenue at the Forest Glen Metro station; Bus Rapid Transit; and a sidewalk on Good Hope Road, where residents have sought one for 20 years.