



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 24, 2021

The Honorable Tom Hucker, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Hucker: Bill 40-21 Individual Water Supply and Sewage
Disposal Systems - Amendments

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, please accept this letter in opposition to Bill 40-21 Individual Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Systems - Amendments.

We want to thank the Department of Environmental Protection-DEP for sharing this proposed legislation with the agricultural community prior to it being introduced. The DEP agreed to remove one of the provisions that were viewed as burdensome to property owners. After reviewing the Bill 40-21 more closely, the AAC believes the sections on enforcement, required easements, penalties, and violations on lines 136-141 and 146-154 are overreaching and threaten the property rights of our citizens.

The AAC encourages the DEP to implement a septic tank program that uses education and awareness rather than a heavy-handed approach surrounding enforcement, required easements, penalties, and violations.

We thank the County Council for this opportunity to present our views and we will participate in the Council Committee Work Session when this Bill 40-21 is scheduled.

Sincerely,

Doug Lechliden, Chairman

Cc: Marc Elrich, County Executive

