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Subject: RE: ZTA 16-04 Agricultural Reserve (AR) Zone-Transitory Uses

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Dear County Council Members,
On behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee please find attached a letter of support for ZTA 16-04 Agricultural Reserve (AR) Zone-Transitory Uses.
Please let us know if you have any questions.
Thanks J

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June 3, 2016

The Honorable Nancy Floreen
Montgomery County Council President
100 Maryland Avenue
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Dear Council President Floreen: ZTA 16-04 Agricultural Reserve (AR) Zone-
Transitory Uses

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, please accept this letter as our comments in support of Zoning Text Amendment 16-04 Agricultural Reserve (AR) Zone-Transitory Uses.

The AAC believes the ZTA 16-04 will help promote agricultural education and agricultural tourism opportunities in the Agricultural Reserve by removing the prohibition for Food Service Trucks stopping on properties encumbered by Transferable Development Rights-TDR easements.

The County has over 50,000 acres of farmland encumbered by TDR easements and many of the property owners would like to offer food and refreshments to residents that visit the farms. The ZTA 16-04 will go a long way by removing the restrictive requirements that inhibit farmers from promoting their farms to the general public. It is not possible for farmers to promote their farms and accommodate the needs of visiting residents without providing some food and refreshments.

The AAC thanks the County Council for this opportunity to present our views in support of ZTA 16-04 and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Weitzer, Chairman