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Mr. Richard Newman, Chair Land Use & Zoning/Transportation Committee
Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board
2424 Reddie Drive
Wheaton, Md. 20902

RE: BUEHLER ROAD IN OLNEY, MARYLAND

Dear Mr. Newman:

We would like to request the support of the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board in opposing the proposed opening of Buehler Road. The Transportation Planning Staff is recommending this after their traffic studies were completed in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Olney Safeway store. This recommendation, no doubt, is being suggested because this road opening is called for in the Olney Master Plan. Normally, GOCA does not oppose Master Plan recommendations as they are approved by the Montgomery County Council. However, in view of the significant neighborhood and community opposition, we are *firmly opposed* to this recommendation.

As an Olney resident, no doubt, you are aware of the repercussions that would occur if this road were to be opened. Traffic concerns, pedestrian safety concerns, and a degradation of the quality of life for the many residents who live on Buehler Road. We understand the potential for connectivity within the proposed Olney Town Center, however at this time the Town Center is many years away from being completed. A review of projects in our area, does not indicate a pressing need for this road to be opened.

Here is a resolution that the GOCA Delegates approved at our October 12, 2010 Meeting:

Whereas, putting Buehler Road through to Spartan Road will increase through traffic in at least three communities, and
Whereas, Buehler Road if put through would endanger children playing at Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church facilities, and
Whereas, Buehler Road would become a short cut to avoid heavy traffic on Route 108 and Old Baltimore Road if put through, and
Whereas, it is the desire of GOCA to preserve the peace and quiet of these affected communities
Now therefore it is resolved that GOCA oppose the extension of Buehler Road to Spartan Road.

Olney will be very grateful for your support. Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Zaborsky

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President