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Honorable Ike Leggett  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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Dear Mr. Leggett:

**Kathy Curtis**  
Second Vice President  
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Traffic congestion is consistently one of the top concerns for the residents of Montgomery County, including Olney. Building more roads is not always practical and it leads to building more parking lots without substantially alleviating congestion. The proposed Bus Rapid Transit system appears to be a practical and affordable solution to address some of the congestion problem.

**Mark Hill**  
Recording Secretary  
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Corresponding Secretary  
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On July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) voted unanimously to support the Bus Rapid Transit network but to oppose any special tax district on current residents to finance it.

**Ruth Laughner**  
Treasurer  
WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE

Obviously if this project is to be funded, GOCA feels there are other fair ways to do this without taxing the current residents. For example, a successful transit network may alleviate the need for other proposed transportation improvements saving future money. In addition, a portion of money in the CIP budget could be used each year to fund this project. Other jurisdictions, such as Fairfax County Virginia, have additional tax rates for existing and new commercial development. Payments can be made over time making it manageable. Montgomery County should identify other options that do not include special tax districts on current residents.

Given the success of Bus Rapid Transit systems in other areas, if designed and implemented properly, then the system may be one step in helping reduce congestion in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Barbara Falcigno  
President  
Greater Olney Civic Association