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Dear Ms Saab:

The Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA) is an umbrella group representing over 35 civic and homeowner associations in the Olney area. Several of our member associations are adjacent to the ICC and all of Olney has been affected by the ICC.

At our June 2012 meeting, the delegates voted overwhelming to oppose any increase in the speed limit on the ICC.

The key concern for our communities is the increase in noise and pollution caused by an increase in speed. All noise studies were done at 50 miles per hour (FEIS Appendix R Questions, 114,394,396,1261,1266 1352,1385,1386,1481,1518 and 2095). Even with the sound walls, the current noise from vehicles on the ICC can be heard from the yards and homes of our members. Higher speeds will also make several curves and on/off ramps dangerous as they were designed for a maximum 55 mph.

Higher speeds will cause an exponential increase in the noise and only a small decrease in time to travel from one end to the other (estimated 1.5 minutes for the entire 18 miles if increased to 60 mph or 3 minutes for the entire 18 miles if increased to 65 mph). The few minutes saved is not worth the constant noise and pollution for those that live adjacent to the road.

Sincerely,

Barbara Falcigno
President
Greater Olney Civic Association

cc: Ike Leggett, Montgomery County Executive
Darrell Mobley, Deputy Secretary MDoT