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I am concerned that our county has been naive and short-sighted in its approach to development. While it is certainly tempting to increase our tax base, and increase our desirability, we must ensure that progress is done in a way that provides benefits to residents. We need to expect more from developers in assisting with infrastructure prior to allowing communities that will strain our community. Our school system is beyond capacity at nearly every school. Teacher retention and shortages are a constant plague to our system. School excise taxes collected do not come anywhere near what is actually necessary necessary to provide even a mediocre educational experience for students. Our school system already has a negative reputation for redistricting far more frequently than neighboring jurisdictions, which not only affects the esprit de corps of schools themselves, but impacts the neighborhood camaraderie in developments throughout our county. It creates a dysfunctional churn of relocation in real We do not collect enough to help ensure we have the supports we need for not just schools, but also infrastructure with regards to sewage,

water, utilities, roadways, libraries, first responders, and more. We rely overly heavily on an aging volunteer force for fire and EMS. Expanding our development before we are ready to handle new residents would harm our community because it would create a blight on our reputation. As a realtor, I cannot begin to express to you how many customers and clients I engage with on a daily basis who are overwhelmingly dissatisfied with nearly all services our county provides. More often than not, sellers are electing to move out of our county, and many buyers, after initially considering our county, in fact, end up choosing Prince George's and St. Mary's rather than our county. We are losing our standing as a progressive and desirable county in southern Maryland. Increasing development will only serve to expedite this drop in reputation.

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