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Item: Detailed Site Plan 22001 - McDonald's on Ager Road Request that the District Council Disapprove Detailed Site Plan 22001

Dear Ms. Brown:

I respectfully urge the District Council to disapprove Detailed Site Plan 22001 (DSP-22001) - McDonald's Ager Road.

It's difficult to believe that the County would consider approving a high-volume fast-food drive-through on property that's next to a complex, congested intersection that links some of the most dangerous roads in the County, and that is near two elementary schools, and that is located in a community that the County already considers a "Food Swamp."

The roads along and adjacent to the proposed development, that is Ager Road, East-West Highway and Riggs Road, already have high rates of traffic accidents, accident-related injuries, and pedestrian fatalities.

Adding a high-volume drive-through there will worsen the situation and imperil pedestrians and bicyclists the most, as well as drivers and their passengers. It also will increase traffic-related air pollution in a community already overburdened by air pollution and that is an urban heat island to boot.

The County has passed measures to incentivize healthy food options, supported the creation of a county-wide Food Equity Council and has designated Healthy Food Priority Areas (HFPA). This property is in a HFPA. This new McDonald's would be in what Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition (PGHAC), the Health Department, and Prince George's County Food Equity Council call a "Food Swamp." Studies and policies don't mean much if the County is willing to continue to approve fast food restaurants in communities like this. This community and our County need food outlets that serve healthy food.

It is also concerning that the Planning Board may believe it is not

required or even allowed to consider off-site impacts or off-site conditions, including conditions that clearly affect traffic safety and public health. This makes no sense to me, and I believe that failing to fully consider off-site conditions and off-site impacts will lead to a poorly informed decision and undermine the public interest. The Planning Board should have fully considered off-site impacts and context, and should require a serious Health Impact Assessment that examines the potential public health impacts of this project on the community.

This property was once part of the Green Hill Plantation. The enslavement of many Black men, women, and children on that plantation has been well-documented, and it seems likely that graves of those enslaved people lie, or once did lie, on the project site and/or the adjacent seminary's grounds. I doubt McDonald's plans to include plaques or posters in the restaurant about this sad history to reflect the seriousness of what occurred on this land.

Because McDonald's has not been required to secure approval of a Conceptual Site Plan or a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, this DSP is the only opportunity for the Planning Board to gather all relevant evidence and make a fully informed decision that thoroughly considers this project's impacts on the community, the environment, public health and safety, and historic resources.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my plea. Thank you. Please ensure that this letter is included in the public record for DSP 22001.

Respectfully submitted,

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