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The Honorable Dannielle Glaros, Chair Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Prince George's County Council County Administration Building 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Councilwoman Glaros and Members of the Planning Housing and Economic Development Committee:

I am writing to provide my support for CB-61-2019 to define a new use, "Aquaponics" and amending the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland for changes to golf course special exception site plans for this use. This change will allow the creation of the first aquaponics commercial facility in Prince George's County!

Aquaponics is a rapidly growing industry, creating opportunities for entrepreneurs to provide high quality, locally grown, fresh food throughout the year. Additionally, this growing industry will create learning and employment opportunities for students and residents within Prince George's County. Please accept this letter of support for CB-61-2019; a bill that will allow Lake Arbor Foundation, Inc. and Fresh Communities Holding Corporation the opportunity to develop creative, innovative and sustainable methods for providing healthy food options for residents living within the County and the region.

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