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County Council President William Boniface  
212 South Bond Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014

Dear President Boniface,

Bill 09-29, Public School Development Impact Fee, proposes to repeal the impact fee on new homes that helps pay for school construction costs.

Friends of Harford opposes this bill until adequate additional revenue sources, at least equal to the impact fee, are *already in place*.

We cannot afford to give away millions of dollars in revenue every year. Harford owes bondholders *hundreds* of millions of dollars for schools built because of new homebuilding. We are legally obligated to pay these bondholders, and amounts not covered by impact fees are taken from our property and income taxes. The County Council must, therefore, keep and use what we already have in place, until such time as the Delegation approves transfer fees or another source of funding.

We urge you to vote against Bill 09-29.

Very sincerely yours,

Morita Bruce  
President, Friends of Harford

