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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Ben Cardin
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
431 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Cardin and Van Hollen, and Representative Raskin:

I am writing as the Mayor of the Town of Chevy Chase to request your continued vigilance and defense of existing environmental, transportation, and other laws that apply to the construction and operation of the Purple Line light rail project. As you know, a section leading to the Bethesda terminus immediately borders Town residential properties.

Recent developments have left the fate and timing of the Purple Line uncertain. Assuming it does move forward, one of our greatest concerns is potential pressure to waive legal protections in an effort to meet the project's financial targets and delivery dates. As the Town noted in a similar request in November, large projects have large impacts and require more scrutiny, not less.

We ask that you oppose any language that could be added to pending Appropriations, infrastructure, or other relevant legislative vehicles that could undermine current environmental, transportation and other statutes that apply to the construction and operation of the Purple Line light rail project, including potential waivers of these protections.

The Town appreciates the meeting that Senator Cardin held on a similar issue in the fall of 2016 with then-Town Mayor Scott Fosler, Delegate Al Carr, and citizens and experts from different communities. On behalf of the Town, I thank you all for your consideration and public service.

Sincerely,

Mary Flynn
Mayor