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Subject: Proposal for ezStorage in Sandy Spring

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Please register my opposition for an ezStorage facility to be built in Sandy Spring, along route 108. It is my strong opinion that a storage facility is not in keeping with the rural village character of Sandy Spring either as it currently is or as envisioned by the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan. I reviewed and was excited by the Master Plan before I decided to move my young family into the Sandy Spring/Ashton area. Although my address is in Silver Spring, I am within 15 minutes walking distance from the proposed ezStorage site, and I frequent many of the businesses located between New Hampshire Avenue and Norwood Road along Route 108.

First, the ezStorage facility will cater exclusively to automobile traffic as individuals drop off and retrieve items from storage. The Master Plan specifically encourages "social interaction" and "pedestrian traffic". Page 81 of the Master Plan explicitly recommends the "exclusion of new auto-oriented or typically large scale uses that are inconsistent with traditional rural development patterns." The ezStorage facility does not satisfy the proscriptions or intentions of the Master Plan.

The ezStorage facility is a business typically located in a light industrial area, not adjacent to homes in a rural setting. The nighttime security/access lighting requirements of storage businesses does not match the lighting intensity and time patterns of the current businesses, which are more consistent with their close proximity to homes.

It is my hope that the Planning Board will maintain it's vision for Sandy Spring and reject the construction of a light industrial business in a "rural village".

Thank you for your careful consideration of the problems posed by this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Lin  
(postal address deleted)