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Chair, Planning Board
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Proposed EZ Storage Facility in Sandy Spring

Dear Mr. Royce Hanson:

As residents of Sandy Spring and Auburn Village Community, we vehemently oppose the approval for construction of the proposed EZ Storage facility in Sandy Spring. Such storage facilities are typically found in industrial and are not fitting for small town rural communities such as ours.

Our opposition stem from the following reasons:

- Construction of such facility is not consistency with the vision to preserve the rural and historic characteristic of Sandy Spring as detailed in the Sandy Spring-Aston Master Plan.
- Construction of such facility will not bring service or employment opportunities to the area. While the proposed 120,000 square footage will constitute about 20% of the commercially zoned area, such facilities usually employ 1 or 2 persons.
- Construction of such facilities usually attracts robbers, will lower property values both of home and business owners with subsequent loss of safety and security and decrease in quality of life. Subsequently loss of property value and business income will negatively impact on tax revenue to the county.
- Construction of such facility in close proximity to Sherwood High School will pose safety issues to pedestrians as well as create an abode for disgruntled students. The low cost per month rate will attract students to rent such places for uses likely to breed irresponsible activities and behaviors.

In summary (while not exhaustive), approval of the construction of the said facility will have the following implications: Sandy Spring loses its historic charm; residents lose property value and more importantly a sense of safety and security; business owners lose income; and the county loses tax revenue. The ONLY WINNER, if any, WILL BE THE EZ BUSINESS!

We hereby respectfully urge you and your office to reject such application.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


John & Comfort Kwagyan