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Mr. Royce Hanson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: EZ Storage/Sandy Spring (preliminary plan no. 120080410)

As concerned residents at Auburn Village, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed EZ Storage facility right next to our community. Due to the timing of this meeting, we will not be able to attend in person and, therefore, choose to use this letter as a written opposition.

We moved into the Auburn Village community two years ago, attracted here by the relaxed rural atmosphere of the environment. Never in our wildest dream did we ever envision a picture of a colossal storage facility sandwiched between a single family residential community and a local high school, across from the Sandy Spring Museum, and right in the heart of the historical Sandy Spring down town. This EZ Storage facility does not fit in this small, rural, and historic village center. It belongs to an industrial park! It is totally inconsistent with the vision of the Sandy Spring-Ashton Master Plan!

In addition, we have many other concerns. This storage facility will take away precious space for other possible business developments which will benefit the communities in the area. It certainly will add more traffic to the already congested two-lane road. It could even be a potential hazard to pedestrians in the area, especially high school students from Sherwood High School. Above all, it does not serve the residents in this area – we are looking for a coffee shop, a sandwich place, or a book store, a place that both serves the locals and provides job opportunities at the same time, NOT a storage space!

Please do not let this strange juxtaposition destroy the harmony of the rural landscape! Thank you.

Sincerely,

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