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Charles County Commissioners
200 Baltimore Street
La Plata, MD 20646

Re: Support for Affordable Housing PILOT Programs

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs to promote the development of affordable housing units. The cost of housing in Charles County continues to rise, resulting in many families choosing between rent and basic necessities like food and medical care. Homelessness is also an issue within our community that is directly correlated to high housing prices.

By allowing flexibility in tax obligations for qualifying affordable housing developments, the PILOT program will make it financially feasible for non-profit and mission-driven developers to create and sustain affordable units over the long term. This approach not only leverages private and public investment but also helps the County meet its housing goals without compromising fiscal responsibility.

I urge you to adopt and implement the PILOT policy to advance affordable housing opportunities for current and future generations. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to affordable housing in Charles County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana McPherson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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