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Dec. 14, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Hanson,

It's my understanding that you are considering approval for an EZ storage facility to be built on Route 108. I am writing in opposition.

In the past year I have moved to Friends House, a retirement community in Sandy Spring. I have been delighted to be in this historic semi-rural community and have already become a member of the attractive Sandy Spring Museum on Route 108. The museum is near a number of appealing new residential homes just off Route 108 and together with the post office, bakery and florist shop, and two small grocery stores, creates a pleasant community with a comfortable neighborhood feeling to it.

As I see it, a commercial storage facility would introduce an entirely different character to the area. I am concerned that it could also increase traffic on this very busy two lane highway which is already taxed due to Springbrook High School and in addition carries a heavy load of commuter traffic between Olney and Ashton at rush hour.

I hope you can find a way to maintain the village center concept in Sandy Spring, as required by the Master Plan, and deny approval to any application for a storage facility which may be pending.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Margaret Easter