

To Marguerite Currin and the Ways and Means Committee

My name is Nancy Broadfoot, a resident of a Single-Family Dwelling located in Lauraville. I am writing in opposition to the Harford Road Overlay District Bill presented by Mr. Dorsey at a ZOOM meeting last night to educate persons located in the communities most affected by his vision.

Unfortunately, after his reading and presenting the "actual" page by page Bill, there was not efficient enough time to hear ALL the concerns about his Bill. There were comments made by Mr. Dorsey that are just not true and concerning for residents of the community and need to be addressed.

Mr. Dorsey showed us sample-pies of how the community uses the properties along Harford Road. The data presented was gathered as he explained by walking the boulevard up to the County line. This information was supported by data collected in 2008. He explained, according to his "pies", that churches occupied a major portion of the land- along with their parking lots. This was explained as; property used approximately about "8 hrs." a week. This is fundamentally untrue and misrepresented and simply based on opinion. The facts are many of these churches harbor treatment for mental and substance abuse, along with providing food to the needy and elderly. The Church has long provided community unity for residents of like faith, and has always been a pillar in every community.

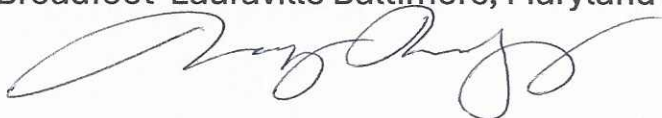
It was also explained that many of the properties on Harford Rd were occupied by Automobile related businesses, which on any busy-business – commuter used roadway is standard. It was declared that if Single Family Dwellings were to become Multi Unit homes, taxes would decrease in time.

Since the escalated wealth currently in properties that families own, will be reduced in time and taxes will drop. Which is an economically false statement. Every person who purchases and invests in their property-welcomes, building wealth through their investment. It simply is false information. The cost of rent, as in rent control, has no reflection in this Bill. Persons who want to rent in Lauraville are able too There are many units every year available. Persons buy into this community because we have respect for ALL people. It's already diverse and doesn't need a new Bill, to create diversity. Young persons have the opportunity to purchase through the first time buyers program that the City offers. It is very successful. My daughter just brought a house in the neighborhood, she's a hairdresser. Persons who own their property and have lived in this Community for decades have helped remove absentee landlords and welcomed a new generation onboard who desire an urban community with a stable, quiet and relatively safe environment. The declaration that a 500' perimeter is "JUST a block up" from Harford Road is also misleading. Since my street for example consists of approximately 3 blocks. That makes it 1/3 of the street up, AND the surrounding neighborhood streets. The community will be subject to landlords, not present in these properties, which is destabilizing and family deterrent.

This Bill is "a vision" that would take decades of deconstruction to be realized. It is unjust to confirm a Bill that affects an entire community with out proof of its benefit. Baltimore is unique and not comparable to other cities data.

Thank you for considering my views and concerns,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Broadfoot", written in a cursive style.