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The Honorable Kelly M. Schulz
Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce
401 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Secretary Schulz,

The Anne Arundel County Planning Advisory Board (PAB) is pleased to support the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation's application for the BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zone (Zone). The PAB is tasked with making advisory recommendations to the County Executive, Planning and Zoning Officer and the County Council relating to master plans, zoning maps, rules and regulations relating to zoning, Capital Budget and Program and amendments to the Budget.

The PAB has heard from stakeholders and understands there are significant infrastructure deficiencies within the Odenton Town Center (OTC), a targeted-growth area of the County, as a result of BRAC. Aligning the Zone with the OTC boundary will ensure resources are available to help solve these major infrastructure issues.

Since the OTC was first designated as a growth management area in 1968, the PAB has advised leadership to identify critical infrastructure and funding needed to help the OTC grow within its means. Despite significant investment in the area, additional infrastructure improvements, such as road and pedestrian projects and community amenities, are sorely needed in the area to keep up with the development related to BRAC. Fort Meade is growing quickly and has become the largest employer in the State. In order to maintain a high quality of life for the new residents and visitors, adequate infrastructure and public amenities are required.

The re-designation of the Odenton Town Center as a BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zone will provide resources for infrastructure and help the Odenton Town Center accomplish its vision of a special community in Maryland to live, work, and play. We look forward to working with the respective stakeholders to continue to identify the needs in the community and designate resources to ensure a high quality of life in the OTC and BRAC Zone.

Sincerely,



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