

Legislative Testimony (online submissions)

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2023-09-17 23:03:41	Chris	Page	Annapolis	Maryland	21401	Bill 64-23a: Parole Town Center Master Plan	Oppose	Rather than adding more high density residential developments and transit centers to connect those residents to their employers elsewhere, the County Executive and County Council should be doing everything possible to encourage medium and large private companies to re-locate to the Parole Town Center. Everyone in the workforce wants to have the chance to earn a promotion and more money, however, the vast majority of private employers currently in the Parole Town Center are small businesses such as restaurants and retail shops, which while very important to the community, are limited in terms of advancement opportunities. Most residents will continue to have to commute 15 miles or more by car to employers who do offer those opportunities. Further, this bill's requirement for "workforce housing," which is undefined, will only cause companies/employers to continue to locate elsewhere. The workforce housing requirement should be stricken in its entirety. In addition, as the Master Plan noted, transportation studies have confirmed one of the top concerns expressed by members of the public—Riva Rd., Rt. 2, and the other major arteries within the Parole Town Center are already over capacity during the morning and evening rush-hours. Adding high density housing will only exponentially increase the number of vehicles on those roads, as every household will have at least one vehicle. The fantasy of people getting rid of their personal vehicles and instead taking a bus or walking and/or biking everywhere they go, is just that—a fantasy.
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