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2026-03-15 13:37:05	Maisie	Howard	Lothian	Maryland	20711	Yes		<p>FY2026–2027 Capital Budget Support for Southern High School and Southern Middle School</p> <p>Good day, members of the Anne Arundel County Council,</p> <p>My name is Maisie Howard, and I am a resident of Lothian. I know the Southern Cluster schools well, and I am here to be very clear: Southern High School (SHS) and Southern Middle School (SMS) have been underfunded for far too long. The FY2026–2027 capital budget makes some improvements, but it is not enough to meet the real needs of our students.</p> <p>SHS is allocated \$7.5 million for systemic renovations, \$25,000 for greenhouse improvements, continued support for the CASE program, and \$150,000 in co-curricular transportation funding. SMS receives \$1.5 million for athletics, \$137,481 for the Drug, Violence, and Awareness Expo, and is included in \$2 million in security upgrades. Cluster-wide investments include staff compensation, mental health support, \$31.4 million for building system renovations, and \$8 million to reduce the maintenance backlog.</p> <p>These numbers sound significant, but they fail to fully address the growing demands on these schools. Facilities remain outdated, security upgrades are minimal, and students continue to lack equitable access to academic programs and extracurricular opportunities compared to other parts of the county. This ongoing underfunding is unacceptable.</p> <p>I urge the County Council to step up and provide the additional funding SHS and SMS desperately need. Anything less continues to shortchange the students, families, and community that rely on these schools. Our students deserve safe, fully-resourced, and equitable learning environments anything less is a failure of leadership.</p>	
2026-03-15 16:25:14	Jaime	Gaither	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		<p>In regard to concern about the cannabis dispensary that is being proposed at 91 Ritchie Highway.</p>	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/87597/council-cannabis-dispensary.pdf

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2026-03-15 16:42:26	Kenneth	Rabenstein	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		<p>I am writing in regards to a potential permit for a Cannabis dispensary being issued to a business at 91 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD. 21122. As a member of the Pasadena United Methodist Church, I wish to voice my dissent to issuing said permit. This location is within 300 ft of the Pasadena Early Learning Center, a school for Pre-K children. Further, the property line of 91 Ritchie Highway is within 200 feet of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and grade school at 110 Ritchie Highway. It is my understanding of the law that these dispensaries cannot exist within 500 feet of a school without a permit exception. I do not believe it is in the best interest of either of these schools to issue such an exception.</p> <p>Also, I have heard that there may be a request to increase the hard surface of the parking area. This locations abuts a creek that empties into the Magothy River water shed. Again, I do not believe this expansion would be in the best interest of the critical Chesapeake Bay water shed.</p> <p>Having attended several previous meetings on this topic, I know the community within 1000 feet of this property also oppose issuing exceptions to the permit. Therefore, I request that any such request by the property owner of 91 Ritchie Highway be denied.</p>	
2026-03-19 6:15:22	Kurt	Svendsen	ARNOLD	MD	21012	Yes		<p>See attached PDF with my testimony RE: Revisionist History - The County's False Narrative about the Cost of Capital Projects</p>	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/88036/testimony-invitation-to-audience-2026-03-16-revisionsit-history-cost-of-capital-projects.pdf