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Mr. John Porcari
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Dr.
Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Secretary Porcari:

The attached letter came to us from the Town of Kensington. Mayor Fosselman has been working with the Town of Chevy Chase View to resolve some serious traffic problems they both have in Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) corridor in that area. They have asked me, as Chair of the Council's Transportation and Environment Committee, and Councilmember Ervin, as their District Representative, to assist them resolve these problems.

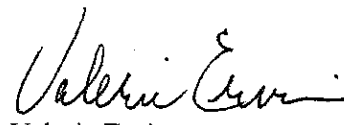
As Councilmember Ervin and I reviewed their list of recommendations and requests, we realized that all of them must be developed between the Towns and State Highway. The County's Department of Public Works and Transportation has no jurisdiction on MD 185.

Both Councilmember Ervin and I acknowledge that there truly is a safety problem on MD 185 in that area both for drivers and pedestrians. We encourage you to do whatever you can to assist Mayor Fosselman. This area experiences a tremendous amount of pass-through traffic, and these drivers have no vested interest in the safety of the local residents. It is critical that pedestrian safety issues be addressed.

I hope you will keep us informed of its progress on these issues.

Sincerely,


Nancy Floreen
Councilmember
At-Large


Valerie Ervin
Councilmember
District 5

Attachment