

APPENDIX

73 Letters in Support:

Preller, Barbara

From: Nancy Olins [nolins@masimax.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2003 3:40 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.denis@co.md.us
Subject: FW: Indoor baseball facility in Cabin John Park

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> I am a Bethesda taxpayer with a baseball playing son and am writing in support of the effort to build an indoor baseball facility in Cabin John Park near the ice rink and Big Train. Since there are approximately 4,000 families who participate in BCC baseball, there is clearly a need for a winter training spot for these kids. The public schools did not allow baseball practice in the gyms last year so there was no place for them to practice. We all talk about how important it is for our children to exercise all year long to stay fit and in shape. For some kids, their only sport is baseball and it is unfortunate if they have no opportunity to play during the winter months.

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> It has been argued that taxpayers will be required to pay for this facility. My understanding is that a private developer has proposed to pay the entire thing, thus costing the taxpayer nothing. I have heard Arguments that this facility will ruin the beauty of the area. As I understand it, the proposed site is a volleyball pit and handball court, not likely to be an area of great beauty.

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> I would like to reiterate that this is important for the children to help to keep them fit and provide some exercise and will cost the taxpayer nothing. I support the building of an indoor baseball facility. Thank you.

>
> Sincerely,
> Nancy J. Olins
> 7613 Sebago Road
> Bethesda, MD 20817

Preller, Barbara

From: Shiftoman@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 10:17 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us
Subject: Indoor Baseball Facility

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Lim Shaws [paazshaw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2003 11:04 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us
Subject: support for indoor baseball facility in Cabin John Park

TO: Mr. Derick Berlage, Chairman, MNCPPC
FR: Andrew Shaw, 6325 Lenox Road, Bethesda, MD 20817

I am writing to you in support of the proposal to build an indoor baseball facility at Cabin John Regional Park. As the father of a Little League player (with two more waiting in the wings), I believe our children deserve a quality facility in which to practice and play during the winter months. I hope your committee will approve this worthy project at the July 31 hearing. Best regards,

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From: RGILL3@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2003 12:47 PM
To: mcp-chairman@mncppc.mc.org
Subject: In support of Cabin John Baseball Facility

This wonderful county of ours needs to address the NEEDS of the county as a whole and not the DESIRES of a vocal minority. Thank you for reading and good luck tonight.

I am a Montgomery County resident and supporter of the civilized sport of Baseball.

--Andrea Gill
3815 Calvert Place
Kensington, Md 20895
301.949.4030

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From: Hom, Wai L. [Wai.Hom@jhuapl.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2003 12:08 PM
To: MCP-Chairman; 'councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us';
'councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us'
Subject: Comments on Indoor Baseball Facility Proposal

To Whom It May Concern,

As a father and a volunteer youth coach who has three active sons involved in baseball and other recreational sports, I completely endorse and would encourage you to consider and approve the proposed indoor baseball facility under consideration. I have spent four of the last five weekends attending area baseball tournaments with my son's U-8 BCC Baseball select team and have had the opportunity to see other baseball facilities and talk to other parents about available resources. The more successful teams that we encountered have had a very extensive training support system which I feel contributes to their overall quality of play and success. Part of this support includes dedicated, well maintained ball fields and access to indoor facilities during the winter months. It is a shame that lower Montgomery County only musters up part way through its commitment to maintaining ball fields and currently falls short through the lack of a dedicated indoor training facility.

There are three major facts that I feel should weigh heavily in your evaluation:

The proposed site for this facility at Cabin John Regional Park seems ideally located and would complement the existing ball fields to create a year round environment for baseball. There is a large base of youth baseball participants who could benefit from a facility at this location. Such an environment can only serve as a catalyst towards serving the needs of our baseball/softball minded youths and could lead to increased recreational and economical benefits to the community.

The opposing concerns over traffic and noise seem to ignore the fact that it should be no more, if not less, than what is generated during peak ice rink or peak weekend baseball league utilization times. I have been there for ice skating, Big Train games, and recreational baseball games and don't think that an indoor baseball facility would have much of a gross impact to the area beyond what is experienced now.

The fact that the construction of this facility would be funded through private resources seems ideal to me from a taxpayer perspective. Precious public funds can be better utilized to other projects within the county.

I acknowledge that there are probably many facts and aspects which need to be considered that I am not aware of or have considered. However, from what I do know, I am strongly in support of this concept and this proposal. Please consider approving this proposal and moving forward with it in an expedient manner.

Please contact me as required.

Sincerely,

Wai Hom
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Rockville, MD 20852
240-228-5288 (W)

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From: Ray Ebert [rebert@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 3:49 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Sportsplex

Dear Mr. Berlage,
Please consider the attached letter in support of the Cabin John Sportsplex, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Ray F. Ebert
19029 Raines Drive
Derwood, MD 20888

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**Ray F. Ebert
19029 Raines Drive
Derwood, MD 20855**

July 23, 2003

This letter is in support of the proposed Cabin John Sportsplex.

As Softball Commissioner for the Montgomery Village Sports Association, I represent approximately 200 families in the Gaithersburg area whose daughters are involved with recreational or select girls fastpitch softball. I have been involved in coaching Montgomery County youth sports for over ten years, beginning with Gaithersburg Sports Association baseball (1993-96) and then with Montgomery Village Sports Association girls fastpitch softball (1996 to present).

Fastpitch softball offers the young women of our county an opportunity to learn important life skills while participating in a very challenging athletic activity. We can be proud of the fact that during the past three years Montgomery County High School teams (Magruder and Watkins Mill) have advanced to state semi-final games. The county also has strong select programs in the Gaithersburg (MVSA STORM) and Damascus (Damascus Hurricanes) areas.

Select fastpitch teams must practice over the winter in order to be competitive. Moreover, there is a growing desire among high school coaches to provide their players with practice opportunities over the winter months. Unfortunately, last year the Montgomery County Public Schools revised their indoor use policy to exclude softball (among other sports) from their gymnasiums. This has created a crisis for teams aspiring to play at highest levels of the sport by severely limiting facilities available to maintain and improve softball skills between seasons.

I believe there is a present and growing demand for indoor practice facilities, and that the young women of our county will benefit greatly from the Cabin John Sportsplex. Accordingly, I urge you to approve the proposal to construct this facility.

Respectfully,

Ray F. Ebert
Softball Commissioner
Montgomery Village Sports Association

Bernadette S. Rentfro
11213 Gainsborough Road
Potomac, MD 20854
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Derick P. Berlage, Chairman
MNCPPC
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Cabin John Indoor Sports Facility

Dear Mr. Berlage:

Our family lives very near Cabin John Park and we would love to see an indoor facility built there for all local children to use and enjoy year round, regardless of the weather. We have been a part of the BCC baseball family for the past seven years and would enjoy and would like to see an indoor sports options right here in the area. Driving to Germantown to a soccer plex is not the answer. Please consider how many children would benefit from this indoor facility.

Very truly yours,


Bernadette S. Rentfro

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From: SueLynn40@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 10:41 AM
To: mcp-chairman@mncppc-mc.org.
Subject: indoor facility

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I am in favor of the indoor facility. My son has played baseball for five years, and we are always driving to Va. or Germantown or Derek Hacopians's facility. It is alot of driving to keep our kids busy. We need a facility in this area. Also, I am a teacher at Mater Dei School, and I know our baseball team would be willing to rent the facility. Please help keep our kids off the streets and busy doing sports!

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From: dbrosenfeld@bryancave.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 9:30 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us
Subject: Indoor baseball facility at Cabin John

I am writing to indicate my strong support for the effort to build an indoor baseball facility in Cabin John Park near the ice rink and the Big Train. I am a Bethesda resident and have 2 children who are on BCC baseball teams. As you know, there is no indoor facility in the downcounty area that can be used for baseball. The only indoor spaces that we could use were school gyms, and the school system has now prohibited their use for indoor baseball, leaving us in the downcounty with nothing. Although I understand some in the neighborhood surrounding the park are opposing the facility, it's clear that those involved in the effort would do everything feasible to minimize any impact on the neighborhood, just as they did when the Big Train facility was built. I would greatly appreciate your support of this facility.

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7420 Westlake Terrace
Bethesda, MD 20817
July 20, 2003

Mr. Derek Berlage
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Berlage

This letter is in support of the indoor baseball facility in Cabin John Park. Land ought to be used for it's most productive purpose. I have yet to see an oak tree pay taxes, a blackberry bush vote or a daffodil make a contribution to a political candidate.

The County planners shouldn't stop with just the baseball barn, and for all I know it's just a foot in the door. Eliminate all the rest of the unproductive vegetation, replacing it with facilities such as go kart, dog and horse racing tracks, a permanent carnival midway with phony freak shows and games designed to be addictive and impossible to win, and betting parlors with roulette, blackjack and other tables, and slot machines -- the governor will be overjoyed. Acolytes of Ronald Regan, who claimed trees pollute, will be happy as clams.

There is no need to be concerned about the environment, for the effects of today's actions won't be fully apparent until you and your contemporaries are long out of office. Let our children and grandchildren deal with the ramifications of our actions.

Just imagine, you can be remembered with, and leave a similar legacy as the Chestnut Blight, Dutch Elm Disease and the Gypsy Moth. Will it be called Derek's Distruction or Berlage's Bulldozers?

Sincerely yours,



Morris Cobern

Preller, Barbara

From: Joseph S. Melinger [melinger@ccs.nrl.navy.mil]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 5:40 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

Dear Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board,

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Melinger
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From: EBO5@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 7:37 PM
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Thanks you so much,

Sincerely,

Edward and Ellen Bodurian

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From: JILL WEINER [cmommyrun@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 9:06 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Indoor Baseball facility

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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Jeff and Jill Weiner

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From: EllenSCPA@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 10:58 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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Ellen Silverstein
EllenSCPA@aol.com
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From: jim kaufman [jakaufman_md@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 2:14 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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Sincerely.

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From: JCmotifs@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 10:36 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Indoor baseball facility

What a wonderful and progressive idea. The kids would really understand the value of taxes well spent. _Please support the public/private initiative

Jeff Cohen
8416 Westmont Terrace
Bethesda, MD 20817

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From: Kearneyjmm@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2003 10:20 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: MKWellington@aol.com
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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This facility is badly needed to serve our children. I fail to believe that this isn't a slam dunk for good government approval.

Michele Kearney

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From: Stephen Klein [SKlein@capitalsource.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2003 7:43 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball

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Stephen Klein
BCC Coach and parent
301-841-2757

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From: Jones Robert [jones_robert@bah.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 8:57 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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Card for
Robert Jones

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Regards,
Robert Jones
BCC - Coach

Preller, Barbara

From: POTTER JONATHAN [jpotter97@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 6:27 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Indoor Baseball Facility

I am writing to support the proposed indoor baseball facility in Cabin John Regional Park.

My son and several of his friends play BCC baseball. They play in the Fall and in the Spring. Many of them also play soccer and basketball, some play ice hockey or football or lacrosse or they swim. All of them attend school and do their homework, and their parents pay lots of taxes in return for great schools and great services.

Few if any of our kids will play baseball or any sport beyond high school or, if they are lucky, college. But I can't think of anything better for kids to do than play team sports together and learn teamwork skills, communication skills, social skills and even perhaps athletic skills that can serve them through their entire lives.

To practice soccer or basketball my son goes out into the backyard or to the nearest schoolyard or playground. The County has ice rinks, fields, a soccerplex and swimming pools. What is the harm of a batting cage? Today if my son wants to practice hitting we must drive to perhaps the only facility in Montgomery County, The Hitting Streak, which is about 30 minutes away. Once there we often wait on long lines for a short time in the batting cage.

I appreciate the concerns of the nearby residents who may be concerned about traffic. But I cannot imagine that a batting cage will generate nearly the traffic that is already generated by the ice rink and -- particularly on game nights -- the Big Train.

I would much rather my kids focus as long as possible on sports, and particularly team sports, then on the alternatives -- hanging out at the mall, hanging out on the streets, being boisterous, drinking, drugs, or whatever else comes to mind. If a batting cage can help our County's kids stay focused on sports rather than the alternatives, it will be a terrific investment -- particularly because it is operationally self-supporting.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Jonathan Potter

10440 Democracy Lane

Potomac, MD 20854

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Preller, Barbara

From: Gary Emanuel [gvemanuel@erols.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 9:58 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: support cabin john baseball facility

As a parent of an actively engaged high school baseball player, I strongly support the cabin john baseball facility. It's use will greatly enable our youngsters to develop their skills in our great American pastime. Thank you very much.

Gary Emanuel

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From: Brian Wilson [BWilson@pass1.com]
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Brian Wilson

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From: VSabatano@redcoats.com
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 8:13 AM
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Thank you for your time, Vince Sabatano

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From: Howard Kra [hkra@bayoufund.net]
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Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 9:30 AM
To: mcp-chairman@mncppc-mc.org>
Subject: Indoor Baseball Facility at Cabin John

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Please support the project for the indoor baseball facility at Cabin John.

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Our area supports: swimming, tennis, ice skating, soccer and many other sports. Baseball should not be excluded. BCC baseball represents 4500 kids and 9000 taxpaying citizens of our great county.

Cabin John is already a great place for baseball. This improvement will make it first rate just like the improvements made for ice skating.

Traffic impact will be minimal.

Do not let a few vocal condo owners get in the way of a real nice project for our kids!

Thanks for your time and efforts.

Brant Hester
Proud BCC Baseball Coach

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From: Jim Alexander [JAlexander@GouldProperty.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 9:54 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Baseball Facility at Cabin John

Mr Chairman -

As a coach, parent and supporter of youth baseball - the proposed facility at CJ Regional is a no-brainer. We must support youth sports programs at County recreational facilities. The infrastructure is in place - please move this forward.

Thanks, Jim Alexander

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To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

On behalf of the children of Montgomery County (especially my two kids), I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it.

Count my family among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Now, we have to drive to Arlington or at least 15-20 minutes away in Maryland to make use of such a facility. Please don't let opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Barbara W. Kaplowitz

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From: Tom Mack [tomack@erols.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 12:10 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: cabin john indoor facility

Dear Mr. Chairman--

I ask that you strongly support the building of an indoor baseball facility at Cabin John Park. What has been an enormous improvement on those grounds with the Shirley Povich Stadium and the new ice rinks would now propel that facility into state of the art which would benefit the children not only of Montgomery County but also Maryland. As a parent of a boy and a girl, I see the benefits they receive as a result of having sports programs available to them. Having a first class venue would only enhance that opportunity but also give that same opportunity to other children throughout the county. Our children are the future of this county and state, please support a facility that will help build better children, students, athletes and citizens. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Mack

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From: Tony Edwards [tedwards@nareit.org]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 1:45 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

I am the father of two sons who have played baseball in Montgomery County through BCC Baseball the last decade. For the last 3 or 4 years, I have been the coach of my younger son's team and have seen first hand the scarcity of the county's baseball facilities, especially down county.

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Tony Edwards
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From: Daniel.Brady@usdoj.gov
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 3:07 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: RE: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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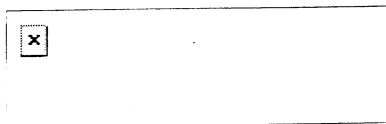
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Chairman:

My family and I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park, as well as the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. This is a much needed facility for our children, and would go a long way towards providing additional activity for our youth who have been plagued with lack of availability of facilities this year due to rain and all winter long.

Please do not let vocal opposition from narrow-minded, self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community. It is awful when small groups of neighborhood activists (NIMBYs) ruin something that is for the welfare of the community. PLEASE do not let this happen here.

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From: Karen Kramer [KKramer@advsol.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 4:20 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. The County should recognize the significant benefits that this facility can bring to our children in the community. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

I respectfully request that you approve this facility.

Very truly yours,

Karen M. Kramer

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From: Thomas R. Healy [thealy@hdstrategy.com]
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To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support for BCC Baseball Field

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Dear Sirs,

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Thank you

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To: MCP-Chairman
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From: Kelly Muccio [KMuccio@AlliedCapital.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 2:12 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Alternatively, alter the above however you wish, or write your own brief message. It doesn't matter if the Board gets a thousand e-mails that are exactly the same, if they come from different people who support the facility. Numbers will matter.

Sincerely,
John Shulman

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From: Rossi, Mireya Eugenia [MIREYAGO@iadb.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 3:43 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility.

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Thank you!

Mireya Rossi
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From: Samantha Sapin [ssdrsapin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 3:52 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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Samantha Sapin

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From: Bhutani, Kiran R [Bhutani@cua.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 12:12 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Re: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 12:14 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Supporting the Cabin John indoor baseball facility

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Dear Mr. Chairman

I am a resident of Montgomery County, father of a BCC baseball player and a pitch-in coach's helper on the 11-year old Mariners team. My wife and I support the proposal that has been made both as parents of a player, and as citizens of the County. I would like to be present at the upcoming open meeting on July 31 but I will be out of town. Therefore, please accept these comment in lieu.

The proposal seems to me a feasible, fiscally responsible, way to fill a need for recreational opportunities. Baseball players deserves equal treatment with swimmers, divers, soccer players etc. The recent rain-soaked season we had only heightens the need to give baseball kids a reliable place to practice and play year-round.

As to the arguments of residents in the Cabin John area, they sound like the complaints I hear from my neighbors every time there is new development near our neighborhood. Because we are close to the Friendship Heights Metro, we have the benefit of easy access to transportation, shopping, etc. We also bear the burden of the congestion that comes when others want that same access. Development around the Metro is in the County plan. It comes with the territory.

Similarly, those fortunate enough to have easy access to the County's wonderful Park and all its other facilities, should not begrudge others the opportunity to use the park that their tax dollars support. It may not be exactly the way they want it -- just as with Friendship Heights -- but it is not a neighborhood park. It's a regional park, large and multi-faceted. Other people and their interests comes with the territory.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Julie Spiropoulos [jspiropoulos@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 4:18 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

We urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. We are among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ted and Julie Spiropoulos

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From: RICHARD LERNER [mfrederick@starpower.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 5:10 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Indoor sports facility

I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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From: Linda Simon [LindaSimon@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 5:12 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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From: Nancy L. Sachs [nsachs@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 5:36 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

Dear Chairman:

As a parent of a baseball player and a Montgomery County resident, I urge you to approve the proposed indoor baseball training facility at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public private partnership to build and operate it. As a down-county resident, we have a great need for a facility in this location. Please work with community residents to address their needs without scrapping this project! Thousands of young ball-players and their families will use this facility for many years to come.

-- Nancy Sachs
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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 5:24 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: FW: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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From: Horowitz, Philip M.
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 5:22 PM
To: 'mcp-chairman@mncppc-mc.org'
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

I urge you to support the proposed facility. I have been a county resident since 1975, have raised three sons all of whom I have coached in baseball (Potomac Boys Club and BCC Baseball) and have always been concerned regarding the lack of practice facilities in the south county area. Accordingly, I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it.

We are among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from a small group of self-interested "NIMBY" residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader Montgomery County community.

Our family lives near downtown Bethesda. We are aware that public spaces can generate traffic, but that is not a reason to not build it. It is only a reason to plan appropriately for it, as you have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sam Boxerman, 5506 Burling Court, Bethesda

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I have coached youth sports including baseball for over 30 years. I have coached the same group of kids participating in the BCC Baseball Program, who are now entering their senior year of high school, since they were in 3rd grade. I know first hand that this facility is sorely needed. Baseball requires year round work to develop skills even for those who are naturally talented for some part of the game. The skills required to be a complete player require a lot of repetition. An indoor facility would afford us the opportunity to do year round training at an affordable price. There are a large number of kids who would take their game indoors were this facility available. Please don't take the opportunity to work on their skills away from them, they deserve better. Baseball builds better citizens, please help us give kids this opportunity year round.
Thank you.

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From: joannsymons@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2003 8:02 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Please support Cabin John indoor baseball facility

I urge the Planning Board to support development of an indoor baseball practice facility at Cabin John regional park. This type of facility is sorely needed down county and will be used year round by girls and boys from throughout the area. I support the idea of a public-private partnership to run the facility.

JoAnn Symons

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From: Debbie and Sam Olchyk [olchykfam@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 5:22 AM

To: MCP-Chairman

Subject: support Cabin John Indoor Baseball facility

Debbie and I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. We are among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility for several years. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Sam and Debbie Olchyk

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From: Robert Hatzes [rhatzes@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 10:56 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; councilmemberdenis@co.mo.md.us
Subject: Indoor baseball in Cabin John Park

It is imperative that you support the proposed facility for an indoor training facility for baseball in Cabin John Park. The lower County area is very underserved in this need. I have been involved with the Big Train since the inaugural season five years ago. I am embarrassed by the condition of our baseball facilities in this area. What has happened in Bethesda has created a the sense of community and has shown how a public-private partnership can be successful. Thousands of dollars are currently flowing from private pockets to improve the conditions of ball fields around the region. Thousands of county residents now have a family friendly recreational area where kids and their parents can go and have a good time together.

Improving the skills and talents of our youth should be a priority. Providing them with the opportunity to train during the winter without having to drive up and down the 270 corridor seems like a no-brainer given the unmitigated success this program has been so far. I am currently shooting a documentary about the Big Train and the success it has had in the past five years. I want to encourage the continued effort to improve the conditions of the ballfields in our area. I will air it this fall and winter. Your comments and response would be welcome as I want to be fair to all sides of this issue. My goal is to air this piece in October and again in the spring to build support for the gem of a program we have here.

This seems to a case of build it and they will come. We now have a thriving ballpark that residents if this county can play on and watch quality baseball with their families. Volunteers make this happen, from the host families housing the players to the teens fulfilling their community service requirements, and all the others who have shown how much this means to them by giving of their time. An indoor facility would help our kids be competitive with the rest of the kids who do play year round.

After this is done we can concentrate on building another Povich field in Germantown. We have a good field there now. What it needs now are fans in seats enjoying the game.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Bob Hatzes
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From: Barton Groh [bgroh99@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 11:17 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us
Subject: July 31 Hearing on Indoor Baseball Facility at Cabin John Regional Park

I want to add my strong vote of support for the proposed new indoor baseball facility at Cabin John Regional Park. As with many of my neighbors and friends, youth sports is a major part of our family's lives, and has been a steady influence in the development of my four kids. Kids of all ages need the discipline and the structure of team sports to balance the pressures of school and family life. The availability of practice facilities allow them to pursue their interests and develop a strong sense of self-confidence once the games begin.

Although there may be some localized objection, the Council members should consider the impact on the County's youth, if baseball fields, basketball courts, swimming pools, soccer fields, hockey rinks, etc. were not available to provide the outlet that our kids so desperately need. This part of the County is badly in need of such an indoor baseball facility, and I urge the Commissioners to consider all alternatives to provide this opportunity to our youth.

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From: Jerry Doniger [jerrydoniger@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 2:50 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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From: Murray, David [dmurray@WILLKIE.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 3:00 PM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

Derick,

Trust that you, Susan, and the kids are doing well. Our three guys are growing like weeds. All three are playing baseball on various BCC/MCBA teams. Tyler and Nick have been on summer travel teams and are having a great time.

I am hoping to attend the July 31, 2003 hearing on the proposed Cabin John Indoor Baseball facility and, if possible, will bring the boys to observe and participate in this community event. We could sure use this type of facility, and it would be a great asset for the county and the many boys and girls who enjoy playing baseball. Hope you and the other commissioners will support it.

Best regards,

David

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To: councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us; councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support of Indoor Baseball and Softball Training Facility

Dear Sirs:

My name is Carol Allen and I want you to know that I support an Indoor Baseball and Softball Training Facility in Bethesda, Maryland. I think its important to give children, teens and adults a place where they can perfect their skills. With professional Major League Baseball soon coming to the area, the time is now to reinforce the joy of playing baseball! As a 11 year old kid living in Chevy Chase, I became hooked on the Senators. If there had been a training facility in Bethesda, you better believe I would have been there. I LOVE baseball. How better to prove to that this area deserves baseball. What better way to get kids involved in Baseball then to have a place where they can train year round?!!

If baseball is going to continue to be "America's Past Time"; the youth of today have to be involved. It used to be that Baseball was only played 1 season a year. In some counties kids play play 2 seasons, summer and fall leagues! What better way is there to get a kid's confidence up so they can try out for baseball or softball in the Spring than to give them the proper training in the off-season!

Right now the only well known training for baseball and softball is in Aberdeen, Maryland. Cal Ripken is developing fields and camps for kids. That's over 2 hours away! Although we don't have the Ripken name, we too can have a facility where kids in the immediate Washington, DC area can train and play ball. Please let us have the opportunity to do it.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Allen

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To: MCP-Chairman
Cc: councilmember.silverman@co.mo.md.us; councilmember.denis@co.mo.md.us
Subject: Support indoor baseball down-county!

I support the proposed indoor baseball facility in CJ Regional Park. Please don't let a few NIMBY naysayers carry the day! There is no facility for indoor baseball downcounty at the moment, yet there are 4000 kids (including mine) in the BCC Baseball organization alone who could potentially benefit. There is essentially no cost to taxpayers, since the cost will be borne by a private builder. Even the parking lot exists already! Please don't turn down this super recreation opportunity. Thanks for your consideration.

--Jay Jennings
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From: Howard Tischler [htischler@cmsinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 2:46 AM
To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

I apologize that I will be unable to attend the hearing on the indoor baseball facility on July 31st but I will be out of town that day. I have been actively involved with the sports programs of MSI Soccer, the Potomac Boys Club and BCC for the past 16 years. Over that time, I have witnessed a significant decrease in the availability of facilities to enable athletes to improve themselves. As a result, there is a resulting decrease in participation (witness the erosion of the Potomac Boys Club). I applaud the efforts of BCC to develop facilities in this underserved part of the county. I am a parent with children who would be regular users of the facility. As CEO of a local business, I firmly believe athletics teach the youth of America significant lessons in life. Sports is a microcosm of many other endeavors. I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor baseball facility. If it is not approved, you are only continuing the downward trend in lack of athletic facilities in this area of the County. I appreciate that the local residents would prefer to limit the use of the park but the baseball facility will not generate additional noise or a significant increase in traffic. This facility will provide a valuable service to a significant number of local taxpayers and will keep our youth focused on positive endeavors.

Howard L. Tischler
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I am writing to urge you and the planning board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park, as well as the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it.

I am among the many voting Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. We have been driving to the Soccer Plex for indoor baseball practice so we support having this facility in our neighborhood. The County provides services for indoor sports such as swimming, ice skating, soccer at tax payer expense, and this should be no different. In addition, it has become increasingly difficult to get indoor time, as the schools are no longer available for this, and now I have been told our available time at the SoccerPlex will be severely limited.

Please do not let vocal opposition from some local residents lead you to believe that there is not enough support for this facility. I also live nearby and believe this will enhance our area.

Thank you for your consideration of this facility.

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Dear Planning Board Chairman,
I hope the Planning Board will approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. I also have been coaching baseball and soccer for over ten years, and have seen literally hundreds of children benefit from youth sports. Our soccer players have lots of options for playing, but the baseball players need specialized facilities, and as you must know, we have a severe shortage of fields and facilities in Montgomery County. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader community.

Kirk Renaud
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I urge the planning board to support the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

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From: Dave.Albertini@usdoj.gov
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To: MCP-Chairman
Subject: Support for the Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

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I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

Thank you.

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I strongly urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-privat partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

David Sapin, Chevy Chase Maryland.
Coach of BCC Baseball Giants
Father of four.

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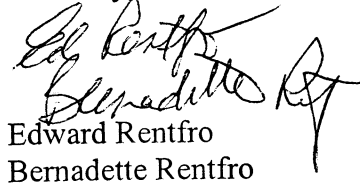
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Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Cabin John Indoor Baseball Facility

Dear Chairman:

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Sincerely,


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I coach all **three** of my sons baseball teams and I urge the Planning Board **to approve** the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community. I know there are two sides to every issue, but we need this facility since the schools are next to impossible to use during the school year and many of the "non-used" schools have been leased to private organizations that make it impossible to rent the fields or gyms.

Regards,
Edward Hauck and Marty (age 13), Ryan (age 10) & Colin (age 5)

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From: Michael Karbeling [mkarbeling@hotmail.com]
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I urge the Planning Board to approve the proposed indoor facility for baseball training at Cabin John Regional Park and the proposed public-private partnership to build and operate it. I am among the many Montgomery County taxpayers with children who would be regular users of this facility. The County should recognize the significant benefits that this facility can bring to our children in the community. Please do not let vocal opposition from narrowly self-interested residents dissuade you from continuing to support plans for this well-conceived and greatly needed facility to serve the broader County community.

I respectfully request that you approve this facility.

Very truly yours,

Steven M. Kramer

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I have lived in Montgomery County for 33 years. As a mother of three boys, I have had to drive them all over the county for baseball practices. Each of my three sons has played on multiple baseball teams over the past 12 years. When my eldest son went to The Hitting Streak for batting practice on the day before a playoff game, this past spring, he found that the batting cages had been "reserved" for the Quince Orchard High School baseball team. The owner of The Hitting Streak had a son who played for Quince Orchard, and turned away all other paying clients for his own use. This is certainly not a good public use of space. I am in full support of an indoor baseball facility closer to my home. This past winter we traveled to the Soccer Plex in Germantown for indoor baseball practice. I know that BCC helped out the financially failing Soccer Plex, but will no longer have the availability of the complex this winter.

I believe this facility is greatly needed, especially for kids playing baseball in this part of Montgomery County. If so many of the kids playing baseball live in this area, why not build the facility where it will be most widely used?

I'm all in favor of making this facility work. If road work needs to be done, let's do it. Let's try to make everybody happy.

Susan Fanaroff