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*Below is input for the hearing on Nov. 18 about the Potomac Overlook Historic District:*

I am co-owner of 6602 Rivercrest Court, within the proposed Potomac Overlook Historic District. I strongly support the historic district and encourage the Planning Board to approve it.

Our wider neighborhood of Mohican Hills is under assault from developers and new owners tearing down longstanding existing properties and building large new houses, often in a similar style that shows little sensitivity for their surroundings. They seem intent on maximizing space, even at the expense of surrounding properties and trees.

Potomac Overlook is threatened by this trend. Two houses already have been torn down and replaced. We have a covenant, which I support, but it lacks strong enforcement measures, as a historic district would have.

Potomac Overlook is a gem of a community. It is one of the few communities in the area that represents high quality, yet affordable mid-century modern architecture. Visitors to our area often speak glowingly of the houses and how they blend in with the woody area around them.

The loss of such homes to tearing down or inappropriate changes would be blow to the community and the county, leaving us at risk of similar-looking large houses that lack the character, charm, and historical value of the current ones.

The proposal for historic district status is well thought out and documented by the planning staff. I encourage the Planning Board to endorse it.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best,

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