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Royce Hanson, Chair,
Planning Board
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
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Subject: ezStorage in Sandy Spring (Case # 120080410)

Dear Mr. Hanson

This letter is to notify you that my husband and I are opposed to the construction of the ezStorage facility planned for Route 108 in Sandy Spring, MD. We live in the Springview community in Ashton, MD.

The Springview HOA Board is also opposed to the construction of the ez Storage facility in Ashton. The Springview Community consists of 28 single family homes on Hidden Garden Lane in Ashton. We are less than a mile from the proposed site.

We concur with the Springview HOA Board's rationale for opposing this facility as stated below:

1. Inconsistency with the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan vision, which is to preserve the character of Sandy Spring/Ashton as a historic rural community.
2. Inconsistent with "village center concept", as required by the Master Plan. Many of the surrounding home owners, walk to and support local businesses such as markets, bakeries and hair salons. A large storage facility is inconsistent with such activity.
3. Brings nothing to community - no need for this service in this area since most of the area homes have 2 to 3 car garages and basements.
4. Brings no local employment opportunities.
5. Lowers property values both of homeowners and business owners. Property values are already in trouble in this area and this only worsens the problem. It will not be a "sales point" when we try to resell our property.
6. Parcel constitutes nearly 20% of commercially zoned property in Sandy Spring/Ashton, which would be better suited for businesses serving community as described in paragraph 2.

We respectfully request that the planning board reject this application.

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