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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Montgomery County Council:

I do not live in the specific area called Sandy Spring/Ashton. However, this small village area is one of my favorite areas for doing banking, going to the US Post Office and doing other day-to-day tasks. It reminds me of the small towns in which I grew up in Michigan and Ohio. There are people here who know and recognize me -- which is not true of the larger Rockville/Silver Spring area.

I am disgusted with the idea that an industrial business such as a commercial storage facility has been supported for the main street through this area by the planning authorities in Montgomery County. I have little faith that the planning authorities in Montgomery County will support an old and vigorous community and help it to survive. Big business seems to be the order of the day for planners in Montgomery County. Why this is so I can only speculate. My guess is that anything that is old and small is at risk in the name of progress -- I don't like this way of managing what the future will look like.

I request that the Montgomery Council do everything possible to keep the Ashton/Sandy Spring village a small friendly place with no intrusive industrial businesses allowed.

Thank you,

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