



*Harper's Choice Community Association*

February 26, 2018

The Honorable Allan H. Kittleman  
Howard County Executive  
George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Kittleman,

I write to express the Harper's Choice Community Association's (HCCA) support of the Bikeway. We are excited that you recently announced you will build much of the Bikeway with \$8 million in funding over the next 3 years. HCCA urges you to include \$3 million in your next budget to jump start progress and continue to signal your commitment to a bikeable and walkable Howard County.

The Bikeway routes run directly to our village center. Because 60 percent of county residents live within a mile of the Bikeway network, the Bikeway would help our village center be accessible to more people. We think designated, safe spaces to bike and walk will help entice more people to bike or walk to local shopping and increase the customer base for village center businesses.

While the county has many important funding needs, we also know that so much of our strong reputation rests on providing residents with a high quality of life. Bicycling lanes and paths are an increasingly important sign of quality of life to many. We are concerned that other counties are investing far more than Howard County in these amenities; last year Montgomery County budgeted \$26 million of county funds in bicycling projects, while Anne Arundel budgeted \$7.5 million and Howard County budgeted \$600,000.

We very much hope your administration will help our community remain a leader in regional quality of life, and will help our village centers stay strong.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Village Manager  
Harper's Choice Community Association

Cc: HCCA Board of Directors

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