

Hello Montgomery County Council,

My sons (9 and 10 years old) play hockey at Rockville Ice Arena for the Montgomery Youth Hockey Association and have been doing so since they reopened in July. MYHA has done extensive research and put in place numerous policies to ensure the safety of the children and parents involved. With schools closed due to the virus, youth sports have been the only way my children are able to have socialization, which is critical to their development as human beings. We have no issues with the virus from youth sports and as MYHA/Rockville Ice Arena will show you with their data, any virus impacts have come from outside the hockey venue.

Therefore, I urge you to reject the Executive Order proposed by the Montgomery County Executive or, at a minimum, make modifications to it that will allow for youth activities, that are vital to their development, be continued.

Thank you for your time!

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