

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to oppose ZTA 23-09, which gives broad permission for the development of tourist accommodation in the Agricultural Reserve. Cities such as Austin, TX are currently trying to pass laws banning Air B and B's and the like, but it is likely too little, too late. Travel around the US and observe the sprawl and unhindered development. Do we need more of this in Maryland's unique and precious Ag Reserve, or do we need to listen to the working farmers who make the Reserve what it is?

Anyone who wants accommodation near the Ag Reserve has many choices along major roadways. Please join me in supporting the irreplaceable Agricultural Reserve for farms, open country, nature, and history. This is what makes the area interesting in the first place. Don't turn it into yet another Disney World of motels, strip malls, and uncontrolled development. ZTA 23-09 is ill thought out and would be the first step in ruining this precious resource.