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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a business owner in Silver Spring. I stand with the agricultural groups, community associations, and other stakeholders who have stated clearly and firmly **opposition to ZTA 23-09**.

The ZTA demonstrates a stunning lack of understanding of the Reserve, the economic complexity of keeping farms viable and, importantly, supporting **new** diverse farm operations. Want to know how to support the Reserve and its farms? Ask the farmers what their challenges are and listen. Then consider what you might do to help.

Meanwhile, agriculture is talking to you. They are telling you this **ZTA will hinder not help**. Please work to withdraw this ZTA.

Thank you,

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