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The Honorable Marc Elrich
County Executive
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July 1, 2021

County Executive Elrich,

Residents and farmers along the gravel portion of River Road continue to express concerns about potential health impacts, maintenance needs, and crop damage caused by dust when vehicles travel along the road. It is our understanding that the Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has conducted a core sample test of the gravel and found evidence of asbestos.

We are calling on you to direct MCDOT to implement a permanent solution that stops this potentially hazardous material from spreading onto adjacent properties. This section of River Road between Edwards Ferry Road and Whites Ferry Road is an Exceptional Rustic Road, making it important that we act to protect its historic and rural character. However, that preservation cannot take higher priority than health and safety. Ensuring the continued rustic nature of this portion of River Road must be done in a manner that protects residents. We believe the County can find a solution that replaces the gravel while maintaining the “look and feel” of the road.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to working with you to solve this longstanding problem.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Andrew Friedson in black ink.

Andrew Friedson
Councilmember
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Handwritten signature of Tom Hucker in black ink.

Tom Hucker
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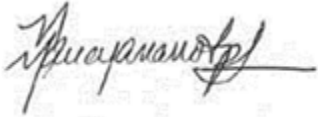
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