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Dear Zoning Board,

My Closing Argument is that Petition in this case should be denied because the Petition does not meet the criteria. My argument is that the criteria are not met in the following particulars:

- I have been a resident of Howard County since 1972. Among other things my wife and I were drawn to Howard County by James Rouse's vision for Columbia and the county.
- For more than 4 1/2 years I have been an experienced CCRC resident at Millers Grant.
- I have listened to the testimony and I have reviewed other information.
- The Petition is not beneficial to Howard County and its residents. It is detrimental.

My experience as a Howard County resident for 49 years compared with my experience as a Miller's Grant resident for 4 1/2 years gives me some appreciation for what is beneficial to Howard County versus what appears to be beneficial to many if not most of the relatively short-term residents and managers of the Miller's Grant community who have been part of the county for only 5 years or less. Some of these people seem think narrowly about what they perceive to be beneficial to their lives only on the Miller's Grant campus. This is why I and others have had difficulty getting them to think about what is in the best interest of the county and all its residents as well as the long range interest of Miller's Grant as a contributing part of the entire county. In a previous email:

I told you I communicated with people associated with the Residences at Vantage Point CCRC. They told me how they informed residents at Vantage Point about the proposed CCRC in Clarksville and suggested I communicate with Miller's Grant residents using our internal mail "cubbies" similar to what they were doing at Vantage Point. I was able to make some Miller's Grant residents aware of the Clarksville CCRC proposal but Michelle Rosenheim, Executive Director of Miller's Grant, directed that the information forms I placed in Miller's Grant cubbies be removed because they were an inappropriate use of the mail cubbies. I was frustrated because Miller's Grant management seemed to be deliberately making it difficult for Miller's Grant residents to be informed of and testify about the Clarksville CCRC proposal.

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