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Mr. Brandon Bratcher  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,  
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Washington DC 20590

Re: Cherry Hill Station

Dear Mr. Bratcher,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed maglev train station in Cherry Hill. As the Vice President of the Baltimore City Council, but moreover as a proud native of Baltimore, I want equalized opportunity across the entire reach of our city.

There is a growing momentum in Southwest Baltimore that a station in Cherry Hill could harness and help to introduce more transportation options and expand opportunities for transit-oriented development. These opportunities are exciting - construction and several hundred permanent jobs potentially (as well as hundreds more in supporting industries) for area residents in Cherry Hill and beyond.

As Vice Chair of the Land Use & Transportation committee, I recognize that good land use planning incorporates the strengths of today with the potential of tomorrow. A Cherry Hill Station, located above an existing light rail station, with proximity to area highways and a potential for waterfront access is a taking advantage of unique strengths the Cherry Hill location offers. Moreover, the nearby residential, commercial, and light industrial nature of the areas surrounding the station translate into a potential boon for improved housing and expanded commercial and industrial investments.

I stand along with Cherry Hill's residents, businesses, and institutions in support of bringing a Cherry Hill Station to the Southwest Baltimore community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon A. Middleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Green Middleton  
District 6 Councilwoman,  
Vice-President, Baltimore City Council