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Mayor, Councilmembers, and Planning Commission
Gaithersburg City Hall
301 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Dear Mayor Ashman, Councilmembers, and Planning Commision,

I am encouraged to see that the forthcoming redevelopment of the Lakeforest Mall is taking its first meaningful steps for your consideration with the recent filing of a Rezoning and Sketch Plan application by WRS Inc., the current owner of Lakeforest Mall.

The redevelopment of the Lakeforest Mall will bring an estimated 6,000 permanent jobs and $5 million in revenue to the City of Gaithersburg. This kind of economic development is essential to ensuring that the City of Gaithersburg continues to grow and attract even more opportunities to the area.

I applaud the City of Gaithersburg and their staff for the incredible amount of work that has gone into identifying and partnering with a developer to achieve the goal of redeveloping this parcel of land that has sat stagnant for so long, and for championing the vision of what this area could, and will, be.

I ask that you please give these plans your highest consideration as you review them for approval. I am looking forward to seeing this project advance and make the dream of a fully redeveloped Lakeforest Mall a reality for the constituents of Maryland's Sixth Congressional District.

Sincerely,

David Trone
Member of Congress