

Dear Delegate Krimm,

On behalf of the Downtown Hotel Team, I'm writing to you in your capacity as the Chair of the Frederick County Legislative Delegation to ask you to convene the Delegation for a special meeting. The purpose of this meeting would be to hold a vote for the delegation to ask Governor Hogan to schedule a vote of the Board of Public Works to release the \$5 million dollars previously appropriated by the Maryland General Assembly.

The project is well-known to all of the members of the Frederick Delegation. Individually, we have a general understanding of where the various members stand on the issue, but without a formal vote, we're left to speculate on the specifics. Extensive efforts have been undertaken to answer any and all questions posed by the Delegation members, especially those that are newer to both the process and the issue.

What we do not have, at least from this specific Delegation, is a dispositive and conclusive vote upon which to take the next logical step in our advocacy efforts. A definitive vote, including all of the current members, would allow the team to make a formal petition to the Board of Public Works to hold the vote on the \$5M already allocated to the project.

As we have discussed on numerous recent occasions, the money previously allocated to the project through the budget process would be used solely for public infrastructure. Specifically these monies would be used to design and construct an underground parking structure, to acquire the land on which it would sit, and make other related public improvements. This parking facility, when completed, would be owned and operated by the City of Frederick government. Spaces would be integrated into the City parking system. Additionally, the hotel operator could purchase, through a contract with the public parking authority, a number of the spaces for the hotel's use. The operator would also be the tenant in a land lease with the City.

We appreciate that this project has changed over time. These changes have been responsive to public input and to concerns raised by the delegation. All public monies will be used to construct public facilities. The entire hotel and conference center will be built, owned, and operated by the private developer/operator, a well-known local and family-owned business.

The team has done it's best to respond to every request for information from the members of the Delegation. Multiple emails, letters, briefings and discussions have occurred. If, in your dialogue with your colleagues, you discover that there remain any unanswered inquiries or concerns, we would endeavor to quickly provide whatever information is sought prior to the Delegation taking the formal vote.

On behalf of the following partners, we respectfully request that you schedule the vote as soon as practicable. We stand ready to assist with logistics to facilitate the meeting, just let us know what you need.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Weldon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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