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Dear Arlington County Board.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

I wanted to take a moment to THANK YOU all for your steadfast leadership and commitment to the Missing Middle.

I believe it is **THE** most important and overdue policy decision of our generation. I commend you for your courage.

This is more than expanding housing options.

Single Family Zoning is exclusionary. It is the root cause of wealth inequity. This is a historical fact, and its consequences persist today.

We have a moral obligation to dismantle exclusionary policies when we see them.

This is about taking intentional steps to fix the harms of the past.

This is about who gets to have a say in our community, and who deserves to have a chance to live here.

The capture of nearly 80% of our precious residential land represents decades of legalized opportunity hoarding. The cycle needs to be broken.

I am sure that this must feel overwhelming at times, but please know that there are MANY, MANY members of our community in your corner.

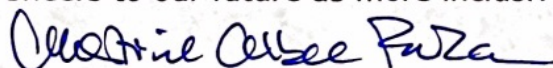
Do not let the loud dissenting voices dissuade you.

As we have seen from other cities, if you attempt to allow more density but add caps and restrictions to appease the loud minority, it will only sabotage the effort.

If we want this zoning change to be successful at building new inclusive housing, please stay the course. Missing Middle housing needs to be permitted by right and without restrictions.

You have my full support and deep respect for all that you are doing. I am confident that dismantling the harmful legacy of SFZ will be a proud and positive change for our community.

Cheers to our future as more inclusive Arlington,



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