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The Honorable Charles County Commissioners, I am writing this letter in support of the Piscataway Conoy Land Transfer. As a member of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe and Clinical Director of an Urban Indian Health Center; I believe that this location is important in the continuing healing and growth of the Piscataway tribe and community. Once this property becomes Tribal land, our tribe will have a place to host public events that will enhance Maryland's history, culture and tourism. Providing an educational space for people throughout Maryland to learn about the natives of the land, and the impact of their presence; past and present, as well as the future of Maryland. It can potentially be utilized Maryland's local Urban Indian Health Office in extending services to our tribal communities in the Southern Maryland region, who, at this time have limited access to our services. We currently have offices in Boston and Baltimore. Along with public activities, this center can offer Tribal youth a space to learn about their culture, expand

their knowledge of traditional arts and language, by creating a safe culturally influenced environment based upon our Indigenous Knowledge. As a mental health therapist, I recognizing the importance of identity and culture. So often, tribal members have a disconnection to the culture, because there is no space dedicated to community, tribal knowledge, and culture. Creating a space that offers continued growth of tribal knowledge, healing, and access to a culturally relevant is paramount in the development of community in our Tribal community. This land transfer would allow for this to occur and ensure that all Piscataway have access it and what will be offered Thank you in advance for supporting the permanent transfer of the old Nike Missile Battery Site on Country Lane in Waldorf to the Piscataway people. Mercia Cummings

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