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County Executive

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Mr. Marc Kohn 15110 Sugarland Road Poolesville, Maryland 20837

Dear Mr. Kohn:

I am writing to follow up on a meeting that you had with the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) Monday afternoon. I want you to know how sorry I am about the passing of your stepdaughter last year. I appreciate your vision for an ice rink that is dedicated to her memory, open to all who wish to use it and your time and effort building it.

As DPS informed you from the beginning, your personal use of the rink in conjunction with your living at the property is allowed. However, DPS did convey to you its concerns with the safety of stringing electrical wires, problems with the adequacy of the residential septic system, and impact on nearby residential and agricultural properties when such a facility is used by the general public. The Department of Health and Human Services also advised you of the need for a permit when food is served to members of the public to minimize risk of foodborne illnesses.

When Ms. Jones met with you yesterday afternoon, she again assured you that your personal use of the rink is not a problem. She also relayed my offer that if you are interested in the rink being open for all who wish to use it, I would be happy to explore partnering with you to relocate the ice rink to a more suitable location. This would ensure that lighting, parking and health of the public are protected while they enjoy the rink. Our objective would be to help implement your vision of a commemorative ice rink for public skating, hockey team practice, wounded warrior or other organizational hockey events, and for lessons and hockey game opportunities and training while honoring your stepdaughter's memory.

If your objective is to invite the public to skate, I hope that you will be receptive to working together to explore relocation of the rink, including your vision to expand the facility. If you are interested, please let me know and I will have Cathy Matthews, the Upcounty Regional Services Center Director convene a meeting towards achieving that common goal.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett County Executive