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Dear Ms. Gross:

We are aware that you have previously received correspondence from the prior Calvert County Board of County Commissioners. As of the election, three out of the five are new Board members; however, while the majority has changed, our position has not. To that end, we would like to reiterate that the Board's position remains very much in accord with the prior Board.

We have great concerns over the potential Chesapeake Bay Bridge crossing located in Calvert County. It is inconceivable that a small, rural County, like Calvert, would even be considered as a possible location due to the lack of connectivity to major commerce and homeland security transportation corridors. Having a Chesapeake Bay Bridge located here would draw a tremendous amount of pass-through traffic to our small county, adding more stress to our already extremely busy and sometimes treacherous main artery, MD Route 4.

Calvert County has worked hard to retain our rural character. Adding a Bay Bridge crossing, we believe, would have a detrimental impact on our ability to keep any sense of rural character intact. While we understand our location is potentially prime to your project, we feel it is imperative that you understand the absolute negative impact it would have on the lives of the 90,000 residents of Calvert County. Calvert County earned the title "Charm of the Chesapeake," because of the quality of life here; we do not want to see that quality of life tarnished in any way. A bridge such as this would, in our opinion, destroy the standard of living as we know it today.

We wish you well with your project. We just wanted you to understand how we continue to have deep concerns about having a Bay Bridge crossing in Calvert County. Please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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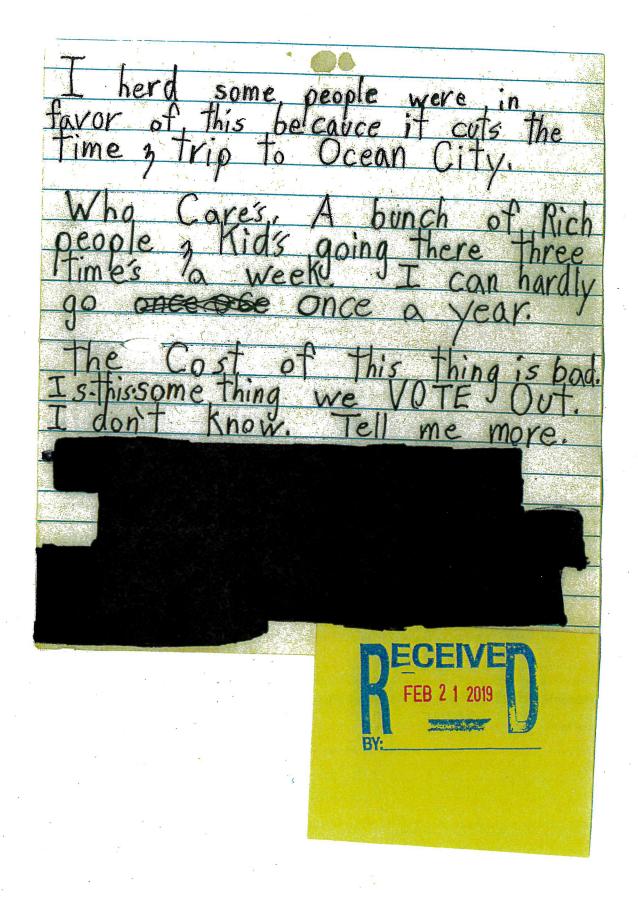
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Dear Ms. Gross:

We are aware that you have received correspondence from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners regarding concerns with having the Bay Bridge crossing in Calvert County. It is the intention of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Chesapeake Beach to communicate that our position on this matter is consistent with the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners. We have great concerns over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge crossing being proposed directly through the center of our small Town. At its proposed location, the placement of the bridge would eliminate our Veterans Memorial Park, negatively impose upon residential properties and deteriorate an ecologically sensitive shoreline.

It is incomprehensible that a small Town, such as Chesapeake Beach, would even be considered as a possible location given the drastic impact a Bay Bridge crossing would have on the safety of municipal residents, the Town's ability to provide municipal services and the results such a crossing would have on major investments made by the State and Town to improve safety and walkability in our Town. These impacts would not only be faced by the Town's 6,000 residents, but also by our neighboring municipality, the Town of North Beach, with approximately 2,000 residents.

Having a Chesapeake Bay Bridge located through the center of our Town would draw a tremendous amount of high-speed pass-through traffic, auto-dependent sprawl development to our quiet Town placing an undue burden on municipal residents and municipal operations. A bridge, such as this, would destroy the standard of living we know, have worked towards and continue to investment in.

We respectfully request that you remove the Town of Chesapeake Beach from your list of predecisional options for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing.

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