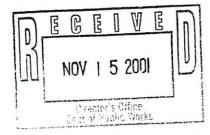
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## Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association, Inc.

Post Office Box 477, Odenton, Maryland 21113-0477

November 5, 2001

Honorable Governor Parris N. Glendening State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401 RECEIVED

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County Executive Office

Re: Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice/Proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill

Dear Governor Glendening:

In 1990, the Halle Companies, on behalf of its wholly-owned enterprise, Chesapeake Terrace, filed two special exception requests in Anne Arundel (AA) County, Maryland. The special exception applications were for surface mining and to operate a rubble landfill. The AA County Administrative Hearing Officer subsequently denied both special exceptions.

The applicant appealed the decision to the AA County Board of Appeals. During the appeal hearing, AA County and the following three non-profit civic organizations opposed the rubble landfill's special exceptions:

- Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association, Inc.
- Greater Odenton Improvement Association, Inc.
- Greater Crofton Council

Over the next 7 years, this case continued in litigation with AA County. In March 1997, AA County was ordered, by Judge Clayton Greene, Jr., to include Mr. Halle in the AA County 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Again, the case continued in litigation. Finally, in late spring of this year, AA County, under order, notified the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) that the applicant was in conformity with all requirements of the SWMP. The applicant then notified MDE that he wished to continue the process of obtaining the necessary permits for his landfill.

In addition to the County having clear legal issues with the applicant, the three community associations are in opposition based on the fact that this part of Anne Arundel County has already seen more than its share of landfills. Also, it has not been proven that there is a "NEED" for yet another landfill in our immediate area.

Recently, we realized an even more critical reason to oppose this landfill. That being the fact that this landfill immediately impacts a minority community. We are aware that on March 9, 2001, you signed an Executive Order establishing the Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, affirming the State of Maryland's commitment to protect communities disproportionately burdened by environmentally-damaging projects. We consider this proposed landfill to be environmentally-damaging to a particular part of the Forks of the Patuxent.

This community "lacks the political power and resources to fight decisions that threaten their health and quality of life," as stated in your Executive Order. This proposed landfill will negatively impact the residents' health and quality of life.

Therefore, we request the following:

- 1. Your opposition to this proposed landfill.
- 2. Your initiation of an investigation into the legal rights of these residents based on the regulations defined in your executive order.
- 3. A meeting with you concerning this matter.

If you have any questions regarding our requests and/or would like to schedule the meeting, please contact Cathy Fleshman during the day at 301-286-7720 (w) or evenings at 410-721-5181.

Sincerely.

Russell M. Myer

Russell Meyer, Chairperson Environmental Concerns

CC:

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