

January 14, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the District 14 and District 19 Delegations,

On behalf of the Greater Olney Civic Association (GOCA), which represents 33 Homeowners Associations, Civic Associations, and individual members in our community, I am writing to express our strong opposition to any proposed legislation that would allow Montgomery County to override HOA covenants. GOCA opposed Delegate David Moon's legislation in 2024 and remains firmly against any similar bills that may arise during the 2025 Maryland General Assembly session.

Our opposition is grounded in the belief that HOA covenants are essential to ensuring community autonomy and maintaining the agreements that residents have voluntarily established to manage their neighborhoods effectively. Allowing to override these covenants would undermine these agreements, disrupt the governance structure, and diminish the rights of homeowners.

We respectfully urge all members of the District 14 and District 19 Delegations to oppose any such legislation. The residents of Greater Olney Area rely on your representation to protect their ability to self-govern and preserve the integrity of their neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your continued service to our communities.

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