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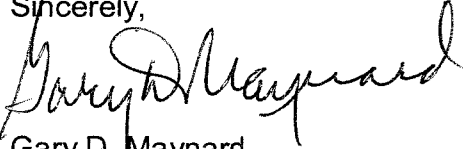
Dear Secretary Porcari:

We recently met with the Jessup Improvement Association to discuss plans to build a new minimum security prison unit on State property adjacent to the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup. During the meeting citizens expressed concern about the safety of traffic along MD Route 175, especially at the intersection of House of Corrections Road (now known as David McGuinn Road) and MD Route 175.

The Association specifically requested an additional traffic signal be installed to make turning onto MD Route 175 safer during shift changes for our Jessup State prison complex. We would like your agency to consider conducting a study and make recommendations to improve traffic safety issues on MD Route 175 between MD Route 1 and Brockbridge Road. Does MDOT have future plans to make safety and/or road improvements along this section of MD Route 175? Since this section of MD Route 175 is between the new BRAC development planned at Fort Meade and the growth of the eastern office/retail region of Columbia, are there other improvements under consideration in the region?

My Assistant Secretary for Capital Programs, David N. Bezanson, will be available to meet with your staff to talk about details regarding this project and work with your agency on any improvement plans.

Any recommendations and assistance would be greatly appreciated by the Jessup Improvement Association as well as the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Maynard
Secretary

c: Roger Grabinski, President
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David N. Bezanson, Assistant Secretary