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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
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SECTION 1

COMMENTS SUBMITTED VIA BPW WEBSITE

Department of General Services

Agenda Item: 51-LL

Jack Whisted: Oppose

“Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis: I am writing to urge the Board of Public Works to ensure the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease includes real protections for the community and environment. Specifically, I ask that the State require an immediate Critical Area assessment, independent expert oversight beginning immediately, a meaningful performance bond, and a commitment to at least two open community meetings per year. Days Cove is an Irreplaceable Natural Area. The community deserves a lease they can trust. Thank you.”

Alfred Tyler: Support

Landfills are necessary to our communities and Days Cove has been a model one for forty years. There is no reason to not complete it to its permitted engineered design . Early closure is not a viable option!

Phil Auld: Support

We do a lot of work for GSA Aberdeen, Dover etc. Without Days Cove Landfill the Waste Management and Republic Landfills would dominate pricing throughout the region. They work with us to provide fair pricing to all our customers. You need them in this region or the Public Companies will cost the region much more for disposal. They are also the only ones that offer LEED recycling in the region

Jason Simon: Support

I strongly support renewal because not renewing limits competition for construction waste disposal and will drive up construction costs dramatically. Days Cove only has a few years left because they are filling anyway and this will give the construction industry time to find alternatives without dramatically increasing costs. It will also force much construction debris to go into Eastern Sanitary Landfill, speeding up the end of life for that landfill as well. It also places total control of construction waste in the hands of Republic Services, a multi-billion dollar company, and the only other alternative. Not renewing the lease will surely drive up housing

costs due to the increased construction costs further exacerbating the housing cost crisis in the Baltimore area. If environmental concerns are the issue, then reasonable monitoring and controls should be part of the lease to further protect the environment. Furthermore, eliminating disposal competition will severely hurt small businesses like mine where I employ 23 people who live in and around Baltimore County.

Katie Shreve: Support

Closing that landfill would have devastating effects on the economy and construction, driving up construction costs dramatically. Without the competition from Days Cove, all construction debris would be forced to go to Honeygo Run or Baltimore Recycling Center. BRC sends all of their construction debris to Honeygo Run. My company utilizes both Honeygo Run and Days Cove. Having been to Honeygo Run many times, I can estimate that they only have two years left, though they say they have more - but this is highly unlikely. Without Days Cove, the construction debris industry in Baltimore and Baltimore / Harford counties would be solely controlled by Republic Services, whose landfill will be closed shortly. When they close, this leaves us with only two alternatives: eastern sanitary (managed by Republic Services and Baltimore County), and BRC. BRC simply cannot handle the volume. Because of the tightening of the supply of disposal locations, disposal costs will rise rapidly, further increasing the costs of construction in the area. Just at the time where housing costs are nearly out of control, this closure will have the effect of putting the nail in the coffin of any plan to decrease housing costs in the area. Decreasing housing costs will simply not be possible with dramatic increases in construction costs. Reducing competition is not good for the economy. Reducing disposal locations in the area will be devastating to small companies like my own and put control of construction in the hands of the big two in the industry. I can see small businesses like my own and many others in the area struggling without disposal competition, and without the small guys like us, construction costs will further skyrocket. If the issue is environmental concerns, it seems to me with proper monitoring by the regulating agencies, that those concerns could be alleviated. Closing Days Cove would simply be the beginning of a tsunami of construction cost inflation and would be devastating to many small businesses like my own.

Robb Doub: Support

Limited options for construction waste in county. This is a low impact site and has been there for 40 years. Brings in jobs and money.

Joe Conklin: Support

Renewal of the Days Cove Rubble Fill lease is crucial in the fight to maintain housing affordability in the area. Closure of Days Cove would limit the availability of construction debris disposal in the Baltimore area and put more power in the hands of the large players like Republic Services who owns Honeygo Run Landfill. A lower supply of available disposal would effectively increase the cost of disposal throughout the region, a cost that would be passed directly to the construction industry. With elevated construction costs, the cost to build new housing would rise and this would in turn drive up the pricing for existing housing as well. More power in the hands of large disposal corporations would also directly hurt small businesses in the disposal space. A lack of competition in disposal sites would increase disposal pricing and small haulers like my company would be at the mercy of large national corporations like Republic Services and Waste Management. Small businesses would end up being shut down and many jobs would be lost. The more that power in the disposal space is consolidated, the higher the construction costs become and this will only result in worse housing affordability for the working class in Maryland.

George Doub: Support

I strongly support BPW Approving the Lease

Marie Gleason: Support

This landfill is a necessary part of the community. Where will all our debris go if there is not a place to take it? You will find it on the side of the roads. The next time you tear down a shed or an old deck and the county will not accept your load you will be thankful the landfill is here.

Wilson Heltzel: Support

The place is well run, and we need a place to take the construction debris.

Beth Darrell: Support

Great Company since 1986

Mary Gearhart: Support

Days Cove provides a necessary landfill for small construction companies to dispose of building and demolition materials.

Mary Doub: Support

This business has been here for 40 years and will shut down in three years. This business helps the community

Karl Sattler: Support

Why would the Board not want to extend a contract that provides revenue to the State and allows contractors a convenient, well run facility to dispose of construction debris allowing lower construction costs? It seems that to deny this extension is pure folly especially during a period of budget deficits.

Darren Hunt: Support

Days Cove Reclamation Landfill must be constructed to the approved lines and grades as approved by our existing disposal permit. It is not possible to properly close and cap the landfill without doing so.

Michael Fawcett: Support

Days Cove has been a good partner for the state and has been operating for a long time without major issue. They should be allowed to complete the 3-year lease term and given time to plan for and perform the proper clean-up/shutdown at the end of the term.

Steve Smuck: Support

I am a self-employed contractor and small trash removal company. Without the operation of Days Cove Reclamation, I will have a hard time continuing to run my business and support my family. The Baltimore County Landfill (Eastern Sanitary Landfill) does not want small businesses filling their site - they direct us to Days Cove. I cannot help but think that people opposed to Days Cove are also opposed to Honeygo Landfill staying open and operational. If both sites

close, where are we going to take trash that is generated by jobs in Baltimore County? I HAVE NOT heard 1 delegate or council person tell us anything about a plan they have as an alternative to the landfills!!!

Jess Gleason: Support

There has only been issue with this landfill in relation to their Wastewater Treatment Plant. Before this hype was created, there was never an issue with this site. There has never been any recorded instances of contamination from the landfill. To shut this landfill down due to false reasoning, would be absurd. They provide a great source of income with the business they do for the state, county, and DNR.

Jessica Franchini: Support

I have listened to the issues and attended the public hearings surrounding the Days Cove Site. What I have never heard from anyone is an alternative option of where we can take our trash when the county does not want to accept what we have. Maybe landfills are not the best idea in the world but for now Baltimore County and the state of Maryland have not given us any other options to use.....

Stephen Gleason: Support

I am an avid fisherman and have been in Days Cove from the gunpowder river plenty of times. The abundance of herrings, eagles, osprey, and fish are a clear sign that the Days Cove Reclamation company is in no way disturbing the wildlife. There is no valid reason to not allow this company to continue to provide a valid service to the area.

Frank DiVenti: Support

As a part time operator and occasional client, I acknowledge that that the services rendered follow the required protocol to continue operations with the required State safety expectation.

Jinny Piddington: Support

Days Cove has supported many of the citizens and this community for many years. Where do those opposed suggest the rubble go?

Liam Eimer Eimer: Support

Those opposed should take some time to better educate themselves on the operation of the landfill and the benefit it is to the community.

Lisa Eimer: Support

As a small company in the area, I am very thankful for the landfill, as are many other companies and neighbors.

Tim Crusse: Support

This is needed so contractors will have a local place to dump debris. Without it who knows where they can go

Jennifer Crusse: Support

Days Cove is an important part of the community. Where will all the construction debris go if there is no place to take it, the side of the road? The cost to customers will greatly increase also if the companies who use the landfill have to travel longer to dispose of the debris. Keep it open!

Andrew Calvert: Support

This landfill employs tons of people locally and is located in an area where it is unobtrusive. Why should it be closed early? Where will industrial debris go then? It makes sense to keep it where it is instead of bother another area and ecosystem and neighborhood.

William Lochte: Support

N/a

Lauren Wheeler: Support

Amy Gleason: Support

The Days Cove site employs many people and provides a valuable service to the County. They value the health of environment as well!

Michael Lochte: Support

Continue the lease and keep services going and people employed!

Elizabeth Lochte: Support

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Emily Crusse: Support

In favor of renewing the lease

Patricia Gleason: Support

Support the continued effort of Days cove reclamation

Marge Gleason: Support

County needs a well run and operated rubble landfill! No question that this company has provided this and no other option has been provided. The effect on small businesses that use the landfill can and well be substantial in cost and convenience. In my opinion the county needs this landfill and it has operated very effectively for several years.

Barbara Nypaver: Oppose

I oppose Board of Public Works agenda item 46-LL and urgent the Board to take the following steps before approving any lease renewal for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: extend the timeline by 60 days to allow for full community review; transfer the escrow account to state control during that time; require a Special Environmental Project as a lease condition to ensure fines and penalties benefit the impacted area; strengthen operator oversight and coordination with

MDE; and commit to a shortened lease term with a defined path toward returning this land to public use within Gunpowder State Park. Days Cove is a designated irreplaceable natural area within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. The community has engaged in good faith throughout this process and deserves the same in return. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sara Freeland: Support

I support BPW renewing the lease. The landfill is a needed for the community especially for small businesses.

Steven Lee: Oppose

We do not have access to important documents needed for proper review including the environmental service report, draft lease agreement, critical areas report and recent leachate monitoring results. There is a lack of transparency here.

Deborah Krueger: Oppose

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Larry McGilton: Oppose

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Debbie Krueger: Oppose

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Amanda Dinges: Oppose

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Katie Veader: Neutral

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Mark Ewing: Neutral

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Marcia Watson: Oppose

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis: I am writing once again on the issue of the Days Cove lease. I urge you NOT TO APPROVE the lease until it has been strengthened by increasing provisions for environmental protection. Specifically, I request the State to require an immediate Critical Area assessment, independent expert oversight beginning immediately, a meaningful performance bond, and a commitment to at least two open community meetings per year where data is presented on water quality and other metrics to document the site's performance. Days Cove is a State-designated Irreplaceable Natural Area. We need to take the utmost measures to protect this site, otherwise the designation is meaningless. Thank you.

Shane Freeland: Support

I am in support of the extension of the days cove landfill permit

Theresa Kleeman: Support

I feel like it is a valuable asset to the citizens and business in the community when it comes to having a place to dispose of rubble.

Alisha Bethouille: Neutral

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Patrick Gaffney: Neutral

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Deborah Lancaster: Oppose

The preapproved plan doesn't fully protect the waterway

John berry: Oppose

The subject landfill discharge permit and lease extension has not gone through the required Critical Area Assessment. So, as President of Rumsey Island Resident's Association (a waterfront community of over 600 homes near the Days Cove Landfill) I strongly oppose continuing the operation of the landfill, especially since the facility is currently authorized to discharge up to 25,000 gallons of waste effluent into the adjacent Bird River that connects to the Gunpowder. The discharge can not possibly be as clean as the river, therefore it's a pollutant. Please halt the operation until the Critical Area Assessment is done.

Laura Schneider: Oppose

No lease for this dump should go into effect without at least community meetings at least twice a year and considerations of the best way to protect the Gunpowder and surrounding areas of

the dreadful pollution this company has been responsible for in the past. Our waterways, large and small must be protected.

Carol Fanshaw: Neutral

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Kelly White: Support

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis, I'm writing to ask the Board of Public Works to make sure the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease includes strong protections for both the community and the environment. I believe the State should require an immediate Critical Area assessment, independent expert oversight starting right away, a meaningful performance bond, and at least two open community meetings each year. Days Cove is an irreplaceable natural area, and the community deserves a lease agreement that is transparent, accountable, and worthy of public trust. Thank you for your time and consideration. Mr. Kelly D. White

Sarah Anderson: Oppose

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Susan Armiger: Oppose

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Lindsay Crone: Neutral

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy wants to sincerely thank the Department of Natural Resources for their dedicated engagement throughout this process and for the meaningful progress made in addressing community concerns regarding BPW Agenda Item 51-LL. We also thank the Comptroller's Office for initially requesting community input and for their continued work on both the lease and the escrow. We appreciate that the lease term has been shortened by one year based on the Maryland Environmental Service assessment. We understand that past failures cannot be fully remedied through this lease alone, and that the path forward must work within the realities of the current situation. That said, the draft lease has not been shared with stakeholders, and our recommendations are therefore based solely on what has been made publicly available. Days Cove sits within Gunpowder Falls State Park and carries a formal designation as an Irreplaceable Natural Area, home to rare and threatened species. The hundreds of residents who recreate in the Tidal Gunpowder or depend on nearby wells for drinking water have made their concerns heard — through public comments, county resolutions, and sustained community engagement. We make five specific requests: Critical Areas assessment. The last Critical Areas assessment for this site was conducted in 2004. In the twenty-two years since, both the surrounding natural area and landfill operations have changed significantly. A new assessment is long overdue and must be initiated immediately. Independent expert oversight — starting now. We encourage the State to contract with an independent landfill expert without delay to monitor the operator's progress toward the December 2029 closure deadline and verify compliance with all State regulations. The operator has previously missed contractual deadlines, and DNR does not have in-house landfill expertise. The community cannot afford to reach 2029 and discover the work is not done. A performance bond with real value. A financial penalty alone is insufficient if the operator lacks the assets to pay it. The State should consider the operator posting a performance bond or deposit sufficient to give the State genuine leverage should the operator fail to meet its obligations. Accountability on water quality. MDE should not only monitor discharge, but it should also actively levy penalties for exceedances. Given this site's history of violations, timely release of monitoring data and consistent enforcement are necessary. Regular community transparency. We ask that DNR and MDE commit to at least two open community meetings per year throughout the lease term. Consistent, structured communication is the most direct way to rebuild public trust and

demonstrate that oversight is real and ongoing. We are encouraged that this lease amendment will finally bring approximately \$7 million in escrow funds under State control to fund closure, and we look forward to that being confirmed. Gunpowder Valley Conservancy remains committed to working collaboratively with this Board, DNR, and MDE in a way that protects the community, the watershed, and the long-term integrity of this Irreplaceable Natural Area.

Mary Slafkosky: Oppose

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Bill Temmink: Oppose

This lease proposal should not go through, at least not yet. Days Cove is a state treasure, a state-designated irreplaceable natural resource,. It could become a national treasure. It could easily be a unique Sub-Aquatic Vegetation park. But, not if chemicals wash into it from the site, off the land and on the tides. While we have received significant cooperation from DNR, we have not received similar cooperation from MDE or the Critical Areas Commision. As such, the lease is likely illegal under State law. If it is not illegal to develop and add leachate to such an area, it should be. If it is not illegal to add any discharge into these waters, and I think it is, it should be. I urge you to demand the time to study this site and proposal fully. So far, the various state agencies seem to be only tangentially working together. As a board, and particularly as a representative of the Governor's office, you have the power to change this. Step one would be

halt the proces to gain more time to re-examine the laws and demand the various agencies work together. Step two would be to create a plan and transparency system to do the job correctly. Then, I would urge all to schedule a visit during the cooler weather of fall, during the migratory bird season. Experiencing the area for yourself could have been the first step. It should be a next step. Please do so. Respectfully, Bill Temmink

Joe Ottomano: Oppose

Do not renew this lease until the facility's discharge is independently monitored and the discharge into the critical area is reduced to pre-pandemic levels. Treat the water to drinking water standard or truck it to back river like they used to!

TheauxLe Gardeur: Oppose

Gunpowder Riverkeeper, (GPRK) a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit with 502 supporters, from 17 states, that monitors and advocates for improving water quality in the Bush, Gunpowder, Little Gunpowder, Bird, and Middle River watersheds which comprise 802 square miles. The organization performs education and outreach and litigates when necessary to protect our organizational and our supporters' interests in protecting water quality and community interests. A simple majority of our members are local residents in Baltimore and Harford counties who have interests in parklands, sensitive species, water quality and aesthetics, the environment, and property. The organization's interest and our supporters' interests will be harmed if the current lease is approved by the Board of Public Works (BPW). At this time, Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER® (GPRK) OPPOSES the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda item 51-LL. Our opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, presence of endangered species within the basin, potential impacts on the Irreplaceable Natural Area, GPRK's concerns about the facility's past non-compliance record, and the current notation from the EPA Echo Database of "undetermined compliance," "violation identified" for the 1st Quarter+ through 5/15/2026 without the Discharge Monitoring Reports being readily accessible from the database. <https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110056405769> Riverkeeper is greatly concerned about both the volume and concentration of pollutants allowed to be discharged into a swale within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay at Gunpowder State Park's Days Cove allowed by the MDE permit. Gunpowder Riverkeepers request for DNR to provide a consistency document for facility operations within the Critical Area resulted in merely a memo about a meeting related to rubble landfill operations dated in 2004 and has not been updated since. This date was prior to any contemplated discharge into the tidal basin. Riverkeeper asserts that since 2023, the discharges

into the swale within the Critical Area from the leachate plant are a new, anticipated change in facility operations and thus appear to violate the Critical Area Rule. Importantly, because these changes at the site were initiated by the facility, and not by existing or unanticipated environmental conditions, these stated conditions also appear to foreclose any waiver or variance potential from the Critical Area Commission for the discharge. We respectfully request that the BPW vote down, or, in the alternative, withdraw 51-LL until all of the substantive documents mentioned above are provided to stakeholders and the public at large to inform the Department of Natural Resources, and the BPW to allow a continuation of the lease between Department of Natural Resources towards a safe closure and conversion to State Parklands. Gunpowder Riverkeeper asserts that significant, material, gaps in information are present for item 51-LL “the Lease” and should be rectified and shared with the public prior to BPW taking it under consideration for a vote. Thank you to the Agencies for their collaboration and to the BPW for their consideration of these comments. Sincerely, Theaux M. Le Gardeur Exec. Director and Riverkeeper, Gunpowder Riverkeeper 1207 Sparks Rd Sparks, MD 21152

Sue Thompson: Oppose

This lease proposal must be halted immediately. Days Cove is an irreplaceable state resource — a rare ecosystem that could become a national model for Submerged Aquatic Vegetation restoration. That future is impossible if chemical runoff or leachate is allowed to enter these protected waters. Although DNR has been cooperative, MDE and the Critical Area Commission have not. As a result, this proposal appears to violate State law. If discharging contaminants into such a sensitive area is not already illegal — and I believe it is — it absolutely should be. You have the authority and responsibility to stop this process now. The agencies involved are not working in true coordination, and the risks to Days Cove are too great to ignore. Halt the lease, require a full legal and environmental review, and mandate a transparent, unified plan before any further action is taken.

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organization's interest and our supporters' interests will be harmed if the current lease is approved by the Board of Public Works (BPW). At this time, Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER® (GPRK) OPPOSES the Maryland Board of Public Works Department of General Services Agenda item 51-LL. Our opposition stems from the length of the lease, a lack of language detailing state control of the escrow account, presence of endangered species within the basin, potential impacts on the Irreplaceable Natural Area, GPRK's concerns about the facility's past non-compliance record, and the current notation from the EPA Echo Database of "undetermined compliance," "violation identified" for the 1st Quarter+ through 5/15/2026 without the Discharge Monitoring Reports being readily accessible from the database. <https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110056405769> Riverkeeper is greatly concerned about both the volume and concentration of pollutants allowed to be discharged into a swale within the Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay at Gunpowder State Park's Days Cove allowed by the MDE permit. Gunpowder Riverkeeper's request for DNR to provide a consistency document for facility operations within the Critical Area resulted in merely a memo about a meeting related to rubble landfill operations dated in 2004 and has not been updated since. This date was prior to any contemplated discharge into the tidal basin. Riverkeeper asserts that since 2023, the discharges into the swale within the Critical Area from the leachate plant are a new, anticipated change in facility operations and thus appear to violate the Critical Area Rule. Importantly, because these changes at the site were initiated by the facility, and not by existing or unanticipated environmental conditions, these stated conditions also appear to foreclose any waiver or variance potential from the Critical Area Commission for the discharge. We respectfully request that the BPW vote down, or, in the alternative, withdraw 51-LL until all of the substantive documents mentioned above are provided to stakeholders and the public at large to inform the Department of Natural Resources, and the BPW to allow a continuation of the lease between Department of Natural Resources towards a safe closure and conversion to State Parklands. Gunpowder Riverkeeper asserts that significant, material, gaps in information are present for item 51-LL "the Lease" and should be rectified and shared with the public prior to BPW taking it under consideration for a vote. Thank you to the Agencies for their collaboration and to the BPW for their consideration of these comments. Sincerely, Theaux M. Le Gardeur Exec. Director and Riverkeeper, Gunpowder Riverkeeper 1207 Sparks Rd Sparks, MD 21152

Edward Thompson: Oppose

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bond, and a commitment to at least two open community meetings per year. Days Cove is an Irreplaceable Natural Area. The community deserves a lease they can trust. Thank you.” Every comment submitted strengthens the public record and sends a clear message to State decision-makers. Please take five minutes to make your voice heard — and share this post with your neighbors, your paddling club, your garden club, and anyone else who cares about clean water and protected lands in our region.

Marie LaPorte: Support

The Sierra Club Maryland Chapter believes the Department of Natural Resources has adequately addressed most of our concerns regarding the Board of Public Works 51-LL, a new long-term lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, with a few exceptions. We ask the following: first, that the State quickly contract with a landfill expert to ensure the operator stays on track to meet site preparation requirements by the December 2029 deadline; second, that the operator post a bond or include a deposit to provide the State with some leverage on performance; and third, that the DNR and MDE agree to two open meetings annually with interested parties and the community to demonstrate transparency and restore public trust during the lease term. Key Issues Lease: While the draft lease has not been made public, we have been assured by multiple state entities that the lease term aligns with the time required to prepare the site for closure according to the MES report to DNR. The proposed final four-year term, ending December 2029, is not ideal; however, it appears that an acceleration of closure is not possible at this time without causing potential stability issues for the landfill or substantial cost to the State. We understand that the lease includes a substantial penalty for performance failure at the lease end; however, the Days Cove Reclamation Company, Inc. is unlikely to have meaningful assets at the end of the lease term. We ask that the lease require the operator to include a performance bond or deposit should they fail to comply with the lease terms or the State will have little leverage to address future performance issues. Monitor Progress: The DNR has agreed to accelerate contracting with an independent expert to provide oversight of the landfill as soon as possible to ensure the operator is progressing on pace towards closure and avoiding any additional delays. This oversight is necessary as the operator previously failed to meet their contractual closure deadline, and the DNR lacks expertise in landfill management. Payment of the independent expert to provide oversight of the landfill should be clearly specified in the terms of the new lease. Monitor Water Quality: Related to the lease is the discharge permit for the site. While this is a separate issue determined by MDE, given the numerous violations, we are concerned ongoing monitoring is inadequate to protect the watershed, residents, and the INA. Further, the Q1 2026 leachate results have not been made public. We continue to have concerns there is insufficient monitoring of the site and excessively long time periods to make

results public. We ask the state to enforce timely disclosure of leachate results and consider stronger water quality regulations to more quickly identify performance issues. It should not take months to disclose test results. Until recently, open meetings about the landfill were not taking place. We request the DNR and MDE to commit to open meetings at least twice annually to provide ongoing transparency on progress and restore trust within the community. We appreciate the significant progress made by the state over the last few months and its addressing of multiple concerns. We understand the new lease will give the State access to \$7 million currently held in escrow by the operator, which will be used to fund the closure. If so, we are appreciative that this issue will soon be resolved. While we value the recent dialogue with State staff, the Sierra Club Maryland Chapter continues to have concerns around penalties, adequate discharge monitoring and disclosure by MDE, and the commitment of DNR and MDE to periodic meetings. We ask that these remaining concerns be addressed in a timely, transparent, and good faith manner. Marie LaPorte Josh Tulkin Biodiversity and Natural Places Chair Chapter Director marielaporte@verizon.net josh.tulkin@mdsierra.org

Sophie Troy: Support

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis: I am writing to urge the Board of Public Works to ensure the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease includes real protections for the community and environment. As a kayaker who often paddles to Days Cove (last time being last Tuesday 5/12/26) I care deeply for the health of the waters around Baltimore. thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thomas Haine: Neutral

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis: I am writing to urge the Board of Public Works to ensure the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease includes real protections for the community and environment. Specifically, I ask that the State require an immediate Critical Area assessment, independent expert oversight beginning immediately, a meaningful performance bond, and a commitment to at least two open community meetings per year. Days Cove is an Irreplaceable Natural Area. The community deserves a lease they can trust. Thank you.

Steven Kline: Neutral

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Mark Lancaster: Oppose

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Katherine Reiner: Martin: Oppose

BPW 51-LL Days Cove testimony On behalf of my family, 5 generations on the Gunpowder River in Oliver Beach since 1936, including my mother, Vera Reiner, who is the last surviving member of the Gunpowder State Park Advisory Commission, who was in the room in the 1980s and 1990s when acquisition and land use plans for the Park were deliberated with promises that sludge, mining and/or landfill operations would have very limited lifespans and be closed by 2000. Instead, the area now has 3 active landfills, 2 rubble, within 1 nautical mile of each other, overburdening the Bird/Gunpowder River with solid waste and its leachate. I thank all the State agencies and representatives who engaged with the community and environmental Task Force leaders for their historical and professional knowledge during the current lease. As such, we focused on key priorities (1. Escrow. 2. Lease Length. 3. Protective oversight. 4. Coordination between agencies) For Agenda item 51-LL as written, we acknowledge and are grateful for the proposed quick movement on the escrow, a shorten lease, independent oversight for operations and with penalties. As a matter of record, we strongly additionally urge the - State to proceed ASAP with an overdue, updated Critical Area assessment as the line has changed since their last assessment in 2004. - State quickly contract with a landfill expert to ensure the operator stays on track to meet all State regulations including site preparation requirements by the December 31, 2029 deadline. - Operator post a bond or or other mechanism to provide the State with leverage on performance. - DNR and MDE agree to two open meetings annually with interested parties and the community to demonstrate transparency and restore public trust during the lease term. In addition, I strongly urge continued engagement with the Task Force which has been very effective in highlighting ways to break down silo's between between agencies, - DNR as the landowner and future landfill permit holder - State Parks as the land manager - MDE for

the discharge permit for the strongest most coordinated oversight of one of Maryland's 'Irreplaceable Natural Areas', the Days Cove area of the Gunpowder State Park. Respectfully,
Katherine Jean Reiner Martin Oliver Beach, MD Global Ministry EarthKeeper

Braeden Bayne: Oppose

All information must be shared with the public before this is can be approved. This is not fair to the residents and those that must deal with the consequences of this landfill.

PamelaSicca: Oppose

I am a resident who recreates on and along the Gunpowder River and I oppose agenda item 46-LL. I urge the Board to ensure that the renewal of this lease includes meaningful oversight, enforceable protections for water quality, a reduced timeline, and a clear path toward returning this land to public parkland use.

Peter Thompson: Oppose

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis: I am writing to urge the Board of Public Works to ensure the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease includes real protections for the community and environment. Specifically, I ask that the State seriously consider an immediate Critical Area assessment, independent expert oversight, a meaningful performance bond, and a commitment to at least two open community meetings per year. Days Cove is an Irreplaceable Natural Area. The community deserves a lease they can trust. Thank you.

Kathy Lambrow: Oppose

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis, I am writing to urge the Board of Public Works to oppose the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease as currently written. The lease must include real protections for the community and the environment. I request that (1) the State require an immediate Critical Area assessment; (2) independent expert oversight beginning immediately; (3) a meaningful performance bond and (4) a commitment to at least two open community meetings per year. Days Cove is an Irreplaceable Natural Area. If we continue to allow variances and the loosening of controls over our protected areas, they will die by 1,000 cuts. With the reduction of environmental protections at the Federal level, we rely more and more on our State agencies and Boards to protect our precious resources. The

community deserves a lease they can trust that contains adequate oversight for compliance with environmental protections. Thank you for your consideration.

Candice Kaminski: Oppose

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Agenda Item: 5-CGL

Josh Jackson: Oppose

If Item 5-CGL remains on the Agenda as a recommendation to fund an additional \$400k to Music City Maryland Association, it will represent and highlight serious systemic shortcomings in the entire DGS-BPW funding structure. Particularly with regard to public transparency and upholding the integrity of the countless sworn affidavits by eager nonprofits who know nobody is watching, or cares. For months, several allegations, backed by indisputable and verifiable evidence, of fraud and misrepresentation has been shared by our neighborhood with DGS regarding the subject MCMA nonprofit and prior capital grants. Yet, DGS posture, reflected in a recent letter dated May 6th, 2026, has been to claim they largely do not have “jurisdiction” to validate allegations, regardless of the type or severity of consequences. “Jurisdiction” a tactful substitute for the actual term “responsibility”. DGS inaction, and now subsequent recommendation to approve additional funds to the nonprofit, represents a complete disregard and professional negligence for the following: - Local zoning regulations as they conflict with proposed capital structures - Faithful execution of Maryland’s Capital Projects Grant Agreement, entered between BPW and subject nonprofits - Claimed Corporate Diversity exemptions - Community certification (or more importantly objection) to nonprofit legitimacy BPW gets 10 seconds to decide each line item. If DGS fails, the whole system fails. We are failing.

John Walsh: Oppose

To the Board: We are writing to ask the Board of Public Works to disapprove item 5-CGL on the Department of General Services docket that would direct an additional \$400,000 state grant to

the Music City Maryland Association (MCMA) amphitheater in Catonsville. The facilities this grant would support have never been authorized by Baltimore County and we believe they are illegal. Since 2024, MCMA has leased land at 202 Ingleside Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228 from the Christian Athletic Association (CAA). The land is zoned DR5.5. and RO residential, is part of a shared campus with a church and school, and is adjacent to many residential homes. On the leased land they erected a permanent entertainment facility, The Vortex, for the regular staging of concerts. The neighbor's primary concern was the noise from MCMA events that often last past 10 pm. It shakes our window panes, keeps children awake, and we avoid being in our own yards on concert weekends. We hired a sound engineer who recorded sound levels at our property boundary ranging from 64.1 – 84.6 dBA, with levels consistently remaining above the 65 dBA regulatory limit. Our neighbors group filed a complaint with Baltimore County and an investigation was opened. Beyond the noise issue, we discovered that the entire project is based on misrepresentation: CAA requested permission to build an accessory storage shed for their field equipment but signed an agreement with MCMA to build an entertainment venue not permitted in a residential zone. They sought a permit for a power upgrade for the music venue which they attributed to the Orthodox church next door but the church knew nothing about it. Most, if not all, of the permanent structures were built and grading done without the required permits. As a result of our complaint, a zoning hearing to amend a prior Special Exception for CAA was held before an ALJ on April 28 and 29. That hearing considered a petition by CAA and MCMA to greatly expand their activities on the property, including a permanent catering facility (also not permitted in a residential zone) and a multi-purpose building that could be used for indoor events year round. We focused on the illegality of what is already in place but also objected to their expansion plan as compounding their offense. At the hearing, the ALJ and the petitioner's attorney appeared to acknowledge that MCMA currently lacks approval for the proposed uses in our zone. MCMA and CAA blamed one another for failures of oversight and both testified that they had not monitored their contractors. Meanwhile, County offices seem similarly confused. A concert two weeks ago was licensed while its legality was under review in the ALJ hearing and non-profit event permits are routinely issued for what are commercial concerts. Into the middle of this muddle comes a generous State of Maryland. MCMA was awarded a 2024 grant for \$245,000 and there is a 2025 grant for \$400,000 on your agenda today to help MCMA continue to grow its enterprise. As reported on their 2025 IRS 990 Form, 38% of reported 2025 revenue came from government grants that keep them above water. With this help, non-profit MCMA has built a commercial entertainment complex, with for-profit Sunrider 9 Productions handling the logistics. Its partnership with CAA has removed a third of their land from use for youth sports and largely closed CAA Park to the public. This illegal entertainment complex is not just disrupting our neighborhood; our tax dollars are funding it. There has been a recent political debate over whether the State is effectively tracking how the funds going to non-profits are being used. We would put this one in the 'No' column.

For all the reasons given, we urge the Board of Public Works to reject this grant outright. At a minimum, any funding should await the ALJ's decision so that the State is not promoting illegal activity. Thank you.

Gregory Allen: Oppose

I strongly oppose the Board of Public Works providing any funding to Music City Maryland Association Inc. Additional funding would only worsen the significant disruption this amphitheater already causes for my home and family. The amphitheater is simply too close to private residential housing. Standing at the main stage at the Vortex and looking to the left, you can see my front porch less than 150 yards away. During concerts, which often last 10 or more hours, the noise and vibrations cause my entire house to shake. These events make it impossible to enjoy our yard or host friends and family when concerts are scheduled. My young children cannot nap, and my elderly parents are unable to comfortably stay in our home because of the excessive noise. This year alone, eight shows are scheduled between May and October. That means that during the 24 Saturdays that make up the peak outdoor season, my family effectively loses the ability to enjoy our property for one-third of them. We have had to cancel plans and rearrange our already busy schedules because of the ongoing disruption caused by this amphitheater. Please do not provide funding to MCMA unless those funds are used to relocate the stage to a location on the property that will not negatively impact this residential neighborhood.

Anne Allen: Oppose

I strongly oppose the Board of Public Works providing funding to Music City Maryland Association, Inc. (MCMA). MCMA built a concert-style amphitheater structure in the middle of a residential neighborhood after originally presenting the project as a simple shed. They moved forward without proper zoning approval and are now attempting to legalize the project after the fact. Taxpayer dollars should not reward an organization that ignored zoning laws and disregarded the residents living around it. This venue sits directly across from my home. I can see the stage from my front porch. During events, it feels like we are living inside a concert venue. The noise, bass vibrations, traffic, marijuana smoke, and constant disruption have fundamentally changed our quality of life. Cars line our street and park near private driveways and mailboxes. Portable toilets now sit along our road, and MCMA is seeking to expand further with permanent restroom facilities and additional infrastructure. They have already added a second stage, increasing the scale and duration of events. This is not compatible with a residential neighborhood. My family can no longer peacefully enjoy our property, and there is

no question this project will negatively impact surrounding home values. My home value should not be sacrificed to subsidize an illegally built entertainment venue in a residential neighborhood. The most troubling part is the precedent this sets. If MCMA receives public funding after constructing an illegal entertainment venue before obtaining approvals, it sends the message that zoning laws and neighborhood protections do not matter. The Board should not use taxpayer dollars to legitimize an illegally built entertainment venue that has already disrupted a residential neighborhood and diminished the livability of surrounding homes.

Maxwell Bloch: Oppose

Dearest Members of the Board of Public Works, ~ ~ My family and I reside at a directly adjoining property on Southmont Rd. The requested grant of \$400,000 exceeds the sum total of all previously awarded grants of \$305,000. I am writing to strongly oppose awarding any further grants for construction to this property. ~ I and many directly affected neighborhood residents oppose the Music City Maryland Amphitheater for a host of reasons, but for the immediate item DGS 5-CGL I urge the Board of Public Works to consider the following factors: ~ 1. The most recently available Level-of-Service Rating for the nearby intersection of Bloomsbury Ave + Frederick Rd + Ingleside Ave has a published LOS rating of "F". ~ 2. The public policy of the BPW Bureau of Transportation for Level-of-Service Rating "F" is "Areas around a level-of-service F intersection would have a moratorium on building permits for non-industrial development, with some very limited exceptions." ~ 3. The zoning classification of the property in question is DR 5.5. The total of capital projects and construction to date has already eroded the character of the neighborhood, and MCMA though a not-for-profit taxable entity has continued to conduct activities commercial in nature and expresses a wish to expand the activities on the property to others commercial in nature. ~ 4. The remarks available on the BPW Agenda for 2026-May-20 describe that the grant use "project may include construction to the Music City Maryland Association site, including safe and accessible pathways and parking, indoor restrooms and access to water." While such uses may be in the best interests of MCMA, I argue that they are not in the best interest of the surrounding neighborhood (additional permanent structures), the surrounding community (additional traffic on already stressed roads and legitimate increased pedestrian safety concerns), or the capital budget of the State of Maryland (the amphitheater was already constructed with \$305,000 and hosts a full calendar of events; additional uses are better invested in other areas and distributed to more diverse entities) ~ ~ I urge the Board of Public Works Disapprove the CGL and reconsider the priorities of the grant uses against an already stressed budget. The Music City Maryland Amphitheater is arguably already complete. Events are already hosted. The events include portable restrooms, and concessions and beverages are already offered onsite. "Restrooms and water" do not need a \$400,000 upgrade.

Consider the work done. Significant construction of permanent structures would cause irreparable harm to the neighborhood and the environment. ~ ~ I sincerely ask the board, as a longtime resident of Catonsville, who grew up on these sidewalks and in these playgrounds, to consider approval of this grant as rushed and shortsighted. The community has not been meaningfully involved or engaged, and the opposition to this effort are not insignificant, nor should they be dismissed or considered "unrelated to the awarding of the grant." Please discuss the issue. Please press PAUSE and let the community be heard before more structures, noise, traffic, commercial activities, food service with waste and rodent concerns, parking lots and increased traffic to already stressed intersections with an F level-of-service rating, and pedestrian risks are introduced to our once quiet walkable neighborhood. ~ ~ Thank you for your consideration of our community. ~ ~ Sincerely, ~ Maxwell Bloch ~ 615 Southmont Rd ~ Catonsville High School Class of 2003 ~ Catonsville Elementary School Class of 1996 ~ Homeowner, Resident, Parent, Neighbor ~

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Lisa Swayhoover: Oppose

I oppose funding this grant for the following reasons: 1. There is a very blurry relationship between MCMA and the for-profit business, Sunrider 9 Productions LLC. Shortly after MCMA was formed as a non-profit organization, two representatives came into my store soliciting donations for a bingo fundraiser. They were both wearing Sunrider9 t-shirts and I asked the connection. One of the women said that MCMA fundraises and then hires her husband's company, pointing to the logo, to stage the concerts. I did not ask, but assume her husband is John D. Barth who owns Sunrider9 and is the vice president of the MCMA board of directors. I believe this is a serious conflict of interest. I am a member of the Catonsville Women's Giving Circle, a local member-driven philanthropy, which has also made grants to MCMA in the past to which I have objected. They did not receive a grant this year because they indicated during the grant review process that they anticipate making a profit from concert revenue. 2. The location of the amphitheater is not zoned for live, amplified events. The noise level is detrimental to the property values and well-being of residents and their children in the bordering Southmont Ave neighborhood. I was at a meeting in the adjacent Catonsville Clubhouse when they were broadcasting an NFL football game. The volume at 9 pm on a school night was extremely loud and inappropriate for the location. 3. The property is owned by Christian Athletic Association. During the zoning hearing held on 4/29-4/30, CAA director Dave Tracht stated that coaches are required to lead a prayer before all games. I do not believe State funds should be used to support a religious organization. As a non-Christian and member of the LGBTQ community, I oppose the use of State funds going to an organization that will potentially discriminate against District 1 residents such as myself.

Richard Krueger: Oppose

While I appreciate that BPW previously shortened the lease term in response to community concern, I urge further action. Any renewed lease should include stronger oversight mechanisms for the facility operator, clearer coordination with the Maryland Department of the Environment, and a defined, shortened, timeline for transitioning the site back to public parkland use.

Department of Transportation

Agenda Item: 1-GM

Suzanna Collerd: Neutral

As the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) negotiates Baltimore/Washington International Airport's (BWI) new Use and Lease Agreement with airlines to strengthen the airport's infrastructure and financial stability, it must not lose sight of the workers who keep the airport safe and operational every day. BWI is critical to the region's economy, generating \$11.3 billion in total annual economic impact throughout the state. Lagging labor standards may compromise the airport's ability to maintain the skilled service workforce needed to ensure safe and efficient operations. Low standards may also hinder BWI's ability to remain competitive in the DC market. Numerous studies show that airport wages and benefit policies, including paid leave and health care, can incentivize existing workers to remain at the airport and reduce turnover, increasing airport safety. As the cost of living continues to rise with inflation surging 3.8% in April 2025, the highest level in nearly three years, BWI airport workers are struggling with stagnant wages, inadequate paid leave, and difficulty affording health coverage. In a survey conducted by SEIU 32BJ, surveyed airport workers reported:

- 57% either rely on government-sponsored health insurance or don't have coverage at all;
- 35% of surveyed workers who reported knowing the type of paid leave they received said they did not receive any vacation or holiday leave.

- Meanwhile, 50% of surveyed workers who reported knowing the type of paid leave they received said they received only one type of paid leave, but not the other.

- More than half of surveyed airport workers reported receiving the airport minimum wage, currently set at \$16 per hour – a rate reached in 2025 that remains stagnant through 2026, with no plans for future increases.

- In contrast, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology estimates the hourly wage an individual without children would need to support only themselves in Anne Arundle County is \$27.44, nearly double the current airport minimum wage. Strengthening workers' standards not only improves workers' lives but also raises overall airport safety and service standards. As MAA and the State of Maryland exercise their power to negotiate airport leases that impact the flying future of 27 million passengers who travel through BWI, they must also act proactively to ensure the airport maintains an efficient, well-trained workforce that upholds safety and smooth operations.

SECTION 2

COMMENTS SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL

Agenda: Department of Transportation

Item: MDOT 2-C

Name: Tracy Lingo

Organization: UNITE HERE

Position: Oppose

Public Comment: This change takes space away from the BWI Concessions program. The BWI Concessions program has been stalled by Fraport and MAA mismanagement leading to operator disinvestment and frustration. Only one new lease has been finalized since Fraport took over operations. Others units that were suppose to open by the end of last year have yet to open. Fraport continues to work with bottom feeder operators whose wages and working conditions trap workers with poverty wages.



May 14, 2026

Board of Public Works
State of Maryland

Dear Members of the Board of Public Works,

On behalf of the Music City Maryland Association (MCMA), we respectfully submit this letter in support of the approval of the MCMA 25-237 LBI Grant Award. As a nonprofit organization operating in good standing as a recognized 501(c)(3), MCMA has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the residents, businesses, artists, and visitors of Catonsville and Baltimore County through meaningful arts, entertainment, tourism, and community development initiatives.

The mission of MCMA is rooted in sustainability, cultural enrichment, tourism development, and economic growth within the Catonsville Arts & Entertainment District. Through our programs, events, partnerships, and community engagement efforts, MCMA has worked diligently to create opportunities that strengthen local businesses, attract regional tourism, support Maryland artists and musicians, and preserve the cultural identity that makes Catonsville unique.

Over the years, MCMA has developed a proven track record of successfully producing large-scale community events and initiatives that align directly with Baltimore County and the State of Maryland's Arts & Entertainment objectives. Our organization has brought thousands of patrons annually into Catonsville, generating economic activity for local restaurants, retailers, lodging providers, vendors, and surrounding small businesses while simultaneously creating accessible arts and entertainment experiences for families and visitors throughout the region.

MCMA's efforts are not solely event-driven; they are mission-driven. We continue to invest in long-term sustainability initiatives that support smart growth, community engagement, artistic opportunity, tourism visibility, and the continued revitalization of the Catonsville Arts & Entertainment District. Our organization has worked collaboratively with local leaders, businesses, sponsors, volunteers, and community stakeholders to ensure that our efforts positively contribute to Baltimore County and the State of Maryland as a whole.

It is MCMA's understanding that certain individuals who reside near the Catonsville Arts and Entertainment District have contacted the Board to express opposition to the awarding of this grant. They may choose to speak at the Board's meeting on May 20, 2026. It is anticipated that

they may express concerns about alleged impacts on the area during MCMA events (i.e. traffic, noise, etc.). Or they may question MCMA's status as a 501 (c)(3) entity. Respectfully, these issues are unrelated to the awarding of the grant and, more importantly, are being addressed through other appropriate forums.

For example, MCMA participated in a public hearing before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County on April 29-30; at which time it presented its' plans for events within the District and public input was received. Presently, MCMA is awaiting guidance from Baltimore County to address any community concerns. The resolution of these matters is more appropriately considered at the local (County) level and not an appropriate consideration by the Board in determining the award of the grant. At this stage, there is no reasonable basis preventing the approval of the MCMA 25-237 LBI Grant Award.

The approval of this funding will allow MCMA to further expand its mission and continue delivering measurable value to the local community through arts, tourism, cultural programming, economic stimulation, and public engagement initiatives that directly benefit Catonsville, Baltimore County, and the State of Maryland.

We respectfully ask the Board of Public Works to support the continued advancement of a nonprofit organization that has consistently demonstrated accountability, community impact, and alignment with Maryland's broader Arts & Entertainment and tourism initiatives.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of organizations that work to strengthen Maryland communities through culture, tourism, and public engagement.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Gardenghi, President
Music City Maryland Association (MCMA)



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May 19, 2026

Dear Members of the Maryland Board of Public Works,

Re: Agenda Item 51-LL Days Cove

After speaking with David Goshen from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposed Days Cove lease agreement, I appreciate the additional information provided concerning oversight, closure planning, environmental protections, and long-term accountability measures.

Based on these discussions, I am placing my trust in the State's commitment to ensure that the final lease language includes meaningful and enforceable protections for both the surrounding community and the environment. I also support the expectation that routine inspections, monitoring, and compliance reviews will be conducted throughout the lease term to ensure that all operational, environmental, and closure requirements are consistently upheld.

I appreciate the commitment to utilizing independent engineering oversight, maintaining escrow funding for closure and capping obligations, and ensuring there is no lease renewal beyond December 31, 2029. Continued transparency and regular communication with local officials and residents will remain critical throughout this process.

As the current Harford County Council member for District A, I will continue to advocate for strong environmental accountability, the protection of our waterways and surrounding communities, and ongoing public transparency as this matter moves forward.

Respectfully,

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