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Sent via Electronic Mail

County Executive Katherine Klausmeier
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Re: Support for a New Baltimore County Library Branch in Middle River/Greenleigh

Dear County Executive Klausmeier,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to establish a new Baltimore County Public Library branch in the Middle River/Greenleigh area. As our community continues to grow and develop, the need for accessible educational resources, community spaces, and digital connectivity has never been greater. A new library branch would provide essential services and opportunities for residents of all ages.


Public libraries are a cornerstone of thriving communities, offering far more than just books. They serve as vital hubs for education, workforce development, and community engagement. A library in Middle River/Greenleigh could:

- **Enhance Educational Opportunities** – Providing access to books, technology, and study spaces would support students and lifelong learners in an area with increasing school enrollment and educational needs.
- **Promote Workforce Development** – Offering job training programs, resume assistance, and free internet access would help local job seekers and small business owners succeed.
- **Increase Community Engagement** – Libraries bring people together through programs, events, and meeting spaces, fostering a sense of belonging and civic involvement.
- **Improve Digital Access** – Many residents rely on libraries for internet access and technology, ensuring equal opportunities for all, regardless of socioeconomic background.

The rapid expansion of Middle River and Greenleigh has created a demand for resources that support both new and long-standing residents. A library branch would be a strategic and impactful investment in the future of our community, helping to bridge educational and digital divides while strengthening public services.

I urge you to support and prioritize the establishment of this much-needed library branch. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

J.B. Sen. 

Senator J.B. Jennings

cc: Councilman David Marks