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Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I am responding to your recent letter requesting our concurrence with the County's Growth Tier mapping for the city in response to Senate Bill 236, the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. Thank you for offering your mapping services to us.

While the City of Cumberland wishes to work cooperatively with you in designating the required SB 236 growth tiers for the city and our planned future growth areas outside the city's current limits, we do have the capability to prepare and submit our own growth tier map. It is our understanding from guidance we have received from the Maryland Department of Planning that, if we authorize you to submit the required maps on our behalf, we would be compelled to submit future changes in the approved tier maps through the county. We feel it would be easier and more expedient for us to retain the authority to submit our own future map amendments directly to MDP when we determine that changes in the initial approved tier designations may be necessary. Therefore, the City of Cumberland has elected to prepare and submit our own SB 236 tier maps.

Our staff has been working with you to ensure that our initial submission is identical to the tiers you have designated for both the city and the city's outlying growth area. We also commit to working cooperatively with you to ensure consistency in our mapped tiers when we have determined that a map amendment may be needed. We hope you extend the same courtesy to us if the county determines a need to change our initial agreed tier designation for the city's planned growth areas.

We appreciate your cooperative spirit and efforts to ensure consistency in our long-range planning visions. Please contact David Umling, City Planner, at 301-759-6503 or by e-mail at dumling@allconet.org if we can be of any further assistance to you on these matters.

Sincerely

Brian K. Grim
Mayor



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cc: David Umling, City Planner