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Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett, Chairman
Prince George's County Planning Board
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Re: Cafritz Property, A-10018

Dear Chairman Hewlett:

The University of Maryland is pleased to reiterate its enthusiastic support for the subject project and the importance that the Cafritz development will have for the surrounding community and prospects for M Square, the University's research park. Taken together with recent development in Hyattsville, M Square and the anticipated UMD East Campus development, this project represents a valuable contribution to the continued growth of the region.

Recognizing that a crossing of the CSX rail is an important element to the success of the project, we have begun substantive discussion with the developer. Although it is too early to be assured of a mutually acceptable outcome, each party is engaged in good faith and, I believe, a satisfactory resolution of issues is possible. As a reminder of my earlier comments, I have enclosed a copy of my December 7 letter to Mr. Cafritz suggesting that the character, quality and economics of a proposed crossing are of particular interest to both parties in these discussions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this application. Please feel free to contact me at 301-405-6400 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Specter".

Robert M. Specter
Vice President for Administrative Affairs and
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Council Member Eric Olson
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Enclosure

