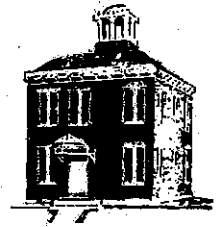


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July 14, 2016

Brian K. Grim, Mayor
City of Cumberland
57 North Liberty Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Dear Mayor Grim:

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce supports redevelopment of the Rolling Mill Corridor as identified in the 2014 Strategic Economic Development Plan for the City of Cumberland.

The Rolling Mill Corridor has a number of assets including its direct access to Interstate 68 and Highway 51, its proximity to Downtown Cumberland, its size and favorable topography. It is critical to our community's success to capitalize on our assets while taking into consideration local, national and global economic forces and trends. The proposed commercial redevelopment of the Rolling Mill Corridor is the appropriate use for this real estate.

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges all parties directly affected by this project to communicate directly with each other to reach a fair and amicable resolution to the differences that exist. As a community we must move past the "way it was" mentality and progress forward. Understanding that such change creates temporary pain and disruption to life as we know it, we must unite and work together for the betterment of all. Our future depends on it.

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce appreciates Council's efforts and offers our assistance to you as you move forward with this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Stuart C. Czapski
Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Seth Bernard, Cumberland City Council
Honorable David Caporale, Cumberland City Council
Honorable Richard Cioni, Cumberland City Council
Honorable Nicole Myers, Cumberland City Council
Shawn Hershberger, Cumberland Economic Development Corporation