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Mr. Peter F. Murphy, Jr., Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Murphy:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, we wish to thank you and the Planning Commission for the important role you continue to play in promoting affordable housing in Fairfax County.

The Planning Commission's support of the creation of the new Workforce Housing Policy – and the subsequent approval of that policy by the Board of Supervisors – will be a critical step in addressing Fairfax County's current and future need for housing that is affordable to working households earning a range of low and moderate incomes.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has identified another opportunity for the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to further encourage the creation of new affordable housing: we recommend that the Comprehensive Plan be amended to ensure that new rezoning actions in revitalization and similar areas include both Workforce Housing and Affordable Dwelling Units (ADUs), similar to the policy previously approved for Merrifield.

As you are aware, the Workforce Housing Policy includes the expectation that at least 12 percent of the units produced in new developments in the County's mixed-use development areas be affordable/workforce housing. In the view of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Comprehensive Plan should now be amended to ensure that, as in Merrifield, future approvals in similar areas result in at least 5 percent ADUs and 7 percent workforce housing. Without such policy, it is unlikely that significant numbers of ADUs will be provided in other high-density areas of Fairfax County.

A similar letter was sent to Chairman Connolly.

Sincerely,

Conrad E. Egan  
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cc: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Fairfax County Planning Commission; Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority; Anthony H. Griffin, County Executive; Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive; Robert A. Stalzer, Deputy County Executive; Paula C. Sampson, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development; James P. Zook, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

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