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Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Thank you for coming to me with your ideas to develop the edges surrounding the University of Maryland and to improve vehicular access to our campus. I appreciate your strong interest in enhancing the University and its environs, given your background as a notable alumnus and as parent of current students.

The University is committed to working with city, county, and state officials to improve the built environment around our campus to help develop College Park as a top college town in the context of its metropolitan setting. We want to attract new and improved developments on Route 1 and near the campus. Such progress is essential to advance the University's mission, to improve amenities for the surrounding communities, to reduce commuting time to campus, and to create an environment that encourages faculty and staff to live in College Park rather than commute from afar.

You indicated you are considering whether or not to submit an unsolicited proposal to the University to improve transportation connections to the campus and to repurpose some of the University's golf course. It is my practice to welcome and consider all unsolicited proposals that are potentially meritorious. Should you decide to submit such a proposal, I will disseminate it to the University and the community at large for comments. We would hold open meetings for public feedback, as we did to consider the Purple Line.

To facilitate the review, any proposal you choose to submit has to be sufficiently detailed regarding the anticipated University, community, environmental, economic, and transportation impacts. It should outline a financial plan for how it will be funded and implemented. I would like to understand the impact of your proposal on the University's plans to develop Route 1. This is a top priority of my administration. I am interested in innovative ways to complement and enhance Route 1 and downtown College Park.

If and when you prepare a proposal, I encourage you to solicit the views of stakeholders on campus and in the community. After receiving it, I will respond following a reasonable period of public consultation and institutional deliberation.

The University is on an ascendant trajectory as one of the top public research universities in the nation. It generates enormous intellectual, social, and economic benefits for the people of Maryland. I am committed to a future in which the state's flagship University is surrounded by—and is an integral part of—a community and a setting that are models of vitality and innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wallace D. Loh".

Wallace D. Loh
President