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Arlington County Board

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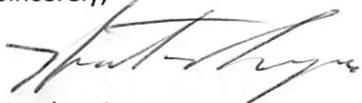
Dear Arlington County Board:

During the budget planning cycle for fiscal year 2018, the Sports Commission hopes that the Department of Parks & Recreation reinstates the budget for public restrooms to be operational during the winter months to support citizens' participation in sports and recreation. In particular, we are asking that the County Board **dedicate funding of \$5,000 to keep the restrooms at the Yorktown/Greenbrier Park facilities open during the winter months.** These are the restrooms that support activities in and around the Yorktown High School turf field.

During the winter months the other county high schools of Washington & Lee and Wakefield have outdoor portable restroom facilities for the sports teams (many who are children) who use the fields and community members who use the tracks around the fields (many who are senior citizens). Arlingtonians use the high school turf fields year-round. It has come to the Sports Commission's attention that because there are no restroom facilities available in the winter at Yorktown, patrons have been using the privacy of trees, which are actually not-so-private, to relieve themselves.

We believe the county can help solve this problem by funding the operations of the restroom facilities at the Greenbrier/Yorktown field during the winter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Heather Cocozza

Sports Commission, Chair

cc: Arlington County Manager, Department of Parks & Recreation Director