

**STRONGHOLD
INCORPORATED
7901 Comus Road
Dickerson, MD 20842**

**Regarding: Global Mission Church (GMC) Requests for Zoning Classification
Change (UR 41 - Ur 42)**

Dear Mr. Gugel and Members of the Frederick County Planning Board,

Stronghold Incorporated is a nonprofit organized in 1946 by the late Gordon Strong. It owns and operates Sugarloaf Mountain property for the public's "enjoyment and education in appreciation of natural beauty".

Sugarloaf Mountain's 3,000 acres located in Frederick County in the Agricultural Reserve and has been designated a **Registered Natural Landmark** because of its geological interest and beauty.

Stronghold Incorporated agreed to maintain and preserve its natural state. This is a constant challenge facilitating approximately 250,000 visitors per year which include local residents and tourists from the other States to foreign countries. The Urbana growth has also increased stress on the mountain.

Funds for maintenance and improvement do not come from federal, state or municipal sources. They come from a modest trust fund, membership dues, and from gifts bequests of folks who like you are interested in preserving this priceless heritage.

On behalf of Stronghold Incorporated, Sugarloaf Mountain we ask the Frederick County Planning Board to support The Urbana Area Comprehensive Plan of 2010 which includes the two GMC parcels. We would like to maintain open space and nature for generations to come. We strongly oppose GMC's zoning exception of the Little Bennett Creek property's. Once the land is developed, you can not undo the damage.

Sincerely,

David F. Webster
Executive Secretary Treasurer
Stronghold Inc.

CC: Montgomery Countryside Alliance