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Dear Jay,

What a stimulating exchange we had today! I really enjoyed the give-and-take of ideas, and I feel like we arrived in the same place for the kinds of reforms needed to make the development process function and result in good development. Thanks so much for coming up to Baltimore and stirring up such a productive discussion.

This is the kind of dialogue I most enjoy — a deep exploration of how we overhaul our land use policies to achieve the social and environmental goals that I think you and I share.

I've enclosed two recent editorials that call for the kind of land use and transportation changes that we need to bring about good development, and protect our natural areas. They are good signs that our message is taking hold. We have to roll up our sleeves and advance strong smart growth policies in the upcoming legislative session. I look forward to keeping you posted.

Have a great holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dru Schmidt-Perkins

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