

Preakness Week four years ago, I was dismayed to read very negative comments about Pimlico's neighborhoods made by officials of the company that owns the race track.

So I got to work.

The agreement to redevelop the Pimlico Race Course property is a big win for the Pimlico neighborhoods and the Baltimore region. The Preakness stays, and the community will benefit greatly.



The Maryland Stadium Authority is highly regarded for building the **two sports stadiums downtown**, the **Hippodrome Theatre**, and the **Comcast Center** at College Park. I got the ball rolling to fund the Authority's study of the future of Pimlico. That study is at the heart of the agreement to transform the race track site.

The leaders of the communities nearest to the race track have been meeting for over a year to discuss how this redevelopment can provide **recreation, retail, and job opportunities**. "While our communities each face their own challenges," these leaders have said, "we share a common desire to see all of our residents thrive."

A portion of slots revenue will be used to finance race track improvements at Pimlico and Laurel. More than half of the land at Pimlico will be redeveloped for the non-racing uses the community is seeking.

Lifebridge Health is already committed to a \$100 million investment in its property immediately adjacent to the race course. I will continue to seek state funding for this project, along with my 41st District colleagues, **Senator Jill P. Carter** and **Delegates Dalya Attar and Tony Bridges**.

Just as I lobbied for a plan to turn the race track into an attraction, instead of an empty lot most of the year,

I will work with residents and government officials to develop a plan that strengthens all of Pimlico's surrounding neighborhoods.

Many of us have a personal story about Pimlico. Mine begins at Rogers and Merville Avenues, the home of Jay Slater, my friend and classmate at Cross Country Elementary School. The start of the Preakness was right across the street from Jay's house.

We watched the races from his attic window. Sometimes from even his roof. We could hear the jockeys at the starting gate and when the horses entered the home stretch.

The General Assembly must now enact legislation to finalize the redevelopment agreement, but **we are now at the top of the stretch, with the finish line in view.**

Working together, we will bring home a winner for our communities, our City, and our State.



Sincerely,
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