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Subject: FW: Meeting Request

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Good Evening Council President Mr. Pack & Fellow Council Members-

I along with other community leaders of Talbot County are requesting a meeting with you to discuss next steps as well as how to appropriately move forward that embraces the spirit of inclusion and equity as it relates to the matter of the Confederate Monument known as The Talbot Boys that sits on the Circuit Courthouse Lawn.

As a result of the decision to retain the Confederate monument on the courthouse lawn there has been much civil unrest that has prompted community members to protest that will more than likely continue until the removal is achieved.

It is very unfortunate that this matter and issue has attracted national attention through the New Yorker and other media outlets that have placed Talbot County in a very disparaging light, which has caused me great alarm and concern. The longer it takes for us to act in an inclusive and equitable manner put us in direct threat of potentially allowing "outside" people coming into our county who could set us back negatively in working together to accomplish our desire of inclusion and equity for all constituents of Talbot County.

Please note that I do not believe that all people who live outside of Talbot County would potentially cause a negative set back, but more so we as Talbot County citizens could potentially lose control of this matter.

It is my desire along with other community leaders that we take a proactive approach to this issue and matter, therefore we are requesting a meeting with the full council on October 20, 2020 to have authentic, transparent dialogue on how we can work together as one community to move forward in an effort in achieving a more inclusive, equitable and welcoming county that we all desire to see.

I look forward to hearing from you soon as it relates to our request.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Potter, Jr.
President

