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Dr. Babur Lateef Signs Rural Crescent Protection Pledge

Woodbridge, VA --- Today Dr. Babur Lateef, Democratic candidate for Chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, signed the Rural Crescent Protection Pledge. The pledge states that signees will vote to uphold the crescent's current 10 acre minimum residential zoning and will follow other guidelines laid out in the comprehensive plan.

The pledge is circulated by an independent organization called Advocates for the Rural Crescent. The Rural Crescent is roughly defined as land south of Route 234 and west of Route 15.

After signing the pledge Dr. Lateef advocated the need for smart growth. "Prince William County will continue to grow, but we must make sure we grow in a smart and responsible manner. There are areas in the county that need to be redeveloped and our focus should be there. Unplanned reckless development in rural areas causes congestion and sprawl; it ruins the quality of life for all residents of Prince William."

Dr. Lateef's opponent Republican incumbent Corey Stewart previously signed the pledge in 2006 and 2007, but has since voted to approve massive development in the area. Lateef campaign manager Mike McLaughlin highlighted Stewart's political opportunism. "In 2006 and 2007 Candidate Stewart campaigned aggressively against development. Since 2007 developers have had no greater ally on the Board than the Chairman. In an election year Mr. Stewart will say one thing, but when it's time to act, he does another".

For more information about Dr. Lateef, please visit www.lateefforchair.com .

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