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Mr. Jay Fisette
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Arlington County Board
2100 N. Clarendon Blvd.
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Re: Aurora Hills Senior Center
Yarn Crafters

Dear Mr. Fisette:

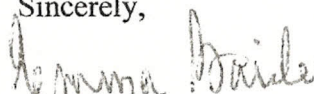
I am the founder and a member of Yarn Crafters, a community service group that since its formation six years ago has proudly served the needs of our community. I am writing on behalf of our members and the Arlington County residents who have benefited from our efforts to express our deep concern over the possible closing of the Aurora Hills Senior Center.

In 2004, six members of Aurora Hills Senior Center formed a public service group for the purpose of creating and distributing knitted and crocheted articles to needy residents of Arlington County. By 2009, our group had grown to twenty eight members. Over the years, we have made and distributed over 2,500 hand-crafted items to Arlington County public schools, Arlington Hospice, community organizations, such as Project Family, nursing homes and other groups that provide important services to the neediest residents of our community. Yarn Crafters' contributions to our community are made possible entirely by the efforts of our members, who have devoted all of the time, effort and materials that have served our County so well over the last six years. In recognition of our efforts, in 2007, Yarn Crafters received from you and the other members of the County Board an Arlington County Outstanding Volunteer Award which is now proudly displayed in the Aurora Hills Center library. The award ceremony was even broadcast on AVA, Arlington County's public access channel.

Now, the County Board, by proposing to close the Aurora Hills Center, threatens to cause the disbanding of our group. Each of the Yarn Crafters members is part of the Arlington County senior community. All of our members rely on the various transportation options, including immediate access to Metro Rail and Metro Bus service, that make it easy for our senior members to participate in meetings and knitting sessions we have held each week at the Aurora Hills Center for the last six years. Based on conversations with many of our members, in all likelihood our group will not continue its activities if forced to move to a location that is less accessible.

On behalf of our members and the neediest residents of Arlington County who have benefited from the good works of Yarn Crafters, we respectfully ask that you and the other members of the Arlington County Board vote to preserve the Aurora Hills Center so that we can continue our efforts for our community.

Sincerely,


Emma Basile