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From: Michael Barnes
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 12:35 PM
To: Hendrickson, Laura (CDC/NCCDPHP/DNPAO) (CTR)
Subject: RE: Charlottesville climbing gym support :)

Thank you Laura for you email. I have forwarded it on to our planner in charge of processing this report.

From: Hendrickson, Laura (CDC/NCCDPHP/DNPAO) (CTR) <rne0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 11:52 AM
To: Michael Barnes <mbarnes2@albemarle.org>
Subject: Charlottesville climbing gym support :)

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Hi Michael,

I hope that your are the correct recipient of this email, if not please feel free to forward to the appropriate person. I saw the newsclip about the proposed climbing gym on Old Ivy Rd. I'm not affiliated with the project in any way but wanted to express my support and enthusiasm for the project.

My family lives in DC and has always wanted to move to Charlottesville where my parents and siblings live, but the lack of a climbing gym has stopped us since it's our primary hobby and social life. We were thrilled to see the proposal and wanted to reach out. I've spoken with a number of climbers over the years who have lamented the lack of a modern climbing gym in Charlottesville. Many drive to Richmond every weekend to go to the gyms there, so I think the facility would be well received within the community. I also know that our climbing gym here offers many community enrichment activities such as climbing for special needs children, hearing impaired group, at-risk youth groups, and others. The climbing community in general is a wonderful group of people and I think Charlottesville would be enriched by offering them a local gym.

Happy to chat if you have any questions.

Thanks so much!
~Laura

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