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**Montgomery County Civic Federation Resolution regarding County Council Bill 21-12,
*Erosion, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Coal Tar Pavement Products***

Whereas coal tar pitch is known to consist of at least 50 percent polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) by weight; and

Whereas PAHs are known to cause cancer in humans; and

Whereas coal tar pavement products contain this known health hazard; and

Whereas dredging studies of Lake Whetstone in Montgomery Village and Gunners Lake in Germantown found elevated levels of PAH, which, according to the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, are likely caused by runoff from these tar sealants;

Therefore the Montgomery County Civic Federation supports Bill 21-12, which would prohibit the use and sale of these coal tar pavement products in the County and require enforcement by the Department of Environmental Protection.