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Dear Mr. Richard S. Nero, Jr.

I am writing in reference to the public hearing of Board Zoning Adjustments to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. As I understand the Board will be reviewing the Application of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. As the hearing will address the issuance of a permit for the location of a future Embassy and Chancery on the premises located at 3025 Whitehaven Street, N.W., the Embassy of the Republic of Poland would like to express its deep concern and reservations with regard to this pending development and decision.

The inevitably high number of clients visiting the new Sri Lanka Embassy and its Consular Office will surely lead to even greater gridlock on an already narrow Whitehaven Street that also includes the Italian Embassy, the aDanish Embassy and Residence as well as the Brazilian Ambassador's Residence. It will also have a profound impact on the limited access to the Polish Ambassador's Residence, thereby disrupting the functionality of the premises and Poland's Diplomatic Mission, especially during receptions, official events and other high level meetings organized at the Residence. The extraordinary proximity of construction (only 5 yards away) will make the immediate vicinity nearly impossible to function if this facility is to be developed.

The expected congestions and deteriorating of the security will surely require appropriate as well as additional measures from U.S. authorities to reassure that daily performance expected of the Polish mission remains intact, according to Article 25 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961).

Therefore, I kindly ask the Board Zoning Adjustments kindly take under consideration the Embassy of Poland serious concern about the Application of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for this particular location.

Sincerely,


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