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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 18564 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Dear Members of the Board.

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the application by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (#18564) to locate their Embassy and Chancery at 3025 Whitehaven Street, NW

As a resident of this street for nearly 25 years, I have watched the Brazilian and Italian governments build their chanceries on Massachusetts Avenue., and recently the Polish government purchased a house on Whitehaven Street as an embassy/residence. During recent years, the Italian and Brazilian governments, and even the British, have taken advantage of Whitehaven Street. The Italian government requested from the D.C. government, and was granted, a "no parking zone" for the entire block of their property facing Whitehaven, and at the same time instructed their employees to park on Whitehaven. The traffic and congestion, therefore, have become impossible

In the past few years, the Italian government has started a practice of leasing out their building to corporations and individuals for non-embassy related events in the evenings. Instead of using their underground parking facility, they utilize Whitehaven Street, creating chaos up and down our street.

This latest issue of an embassy chancery building on Whitehaven would be a disaster for all the citizens of the District who live and work in the private homes on this street. The Sri Lankan building would be an office-type function with a number of employees and visa applicants taking up precious parking spaces, on this one block long, dead-end street. The street is not appropriate for office building functions and hotel ballroom functions. It is a narrow, residential street.

Our street, until the last few years, was a quiet residential street that is now becoming a commercial hub with the attendant congestion and parking problems. We strongly object to an embassy/chancery (Sri Lanka) receiving permission to conduct embassy chancery business near our home at 3065 Whitehaven Street, NW.


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