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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
DC Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 N. 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Dorchester Associates (BZA Application No. 17309)

Mr. Griffis,

My family moved to Palisades in 1951. We have lived here ever since. Since 1954, I have lived at 2505 Chain Bridge Road NW. I have seen many changes in the five decades that I have lived here. I am writing to you now to plead that you will not approve the proposal to build 13 houses on the 2762 Chain Bridge Road site. The experiences of my family as we have had to contend with the massive development in our neighborhood make me petition you today.

Until the massive construction projects of the past several years, my basement was dry. It was dry in the most dramatic of rainstorms and through flooding waters throughout the area. Once the water table was changed by the destruction of sixty-five trees (65) across the street on the property of the Sherier family (for whom the street was named), each large rain makes me hold my breath.

I am old enough to realize that changes will take place. However, the Palisades has always had the integrity of houses to the scale of the streets and land. Our Battery Kemble Park is one of our neighborhood treasures. It is of great concern that the proposed massive houses will damage healthy trees as well as further shift the water table by cutting down trees to place the houses. I urge you to protect the vitality of this DC neighborhood by protecting our trees and slope overlays.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information or testimony regarding the protection of this important and much loved Palisades community.

Sincerely,



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