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

RE: Application of Dorchester Associates, BZA # 17309

My wife and I are near-neighbors to the property upon which Dorchester Associates proposes to build 13 large homes. Our street is the closest street paralleling that part of Chain Bridge Road. Our home has been in the family since the 1930s.

The Dorchester proposal would seriously undermine the Chain Bridge Road-University Terrace Tree and Slope Overlay, which my wife and I enthusiastically supported when it was proposed several years ago. To crowd 13 homes into the old Murphy tract would degrade our whole neighborhood. No developer should be allowed to bend the rules, nor the principle, of the overlay.

This proposal also would seriously affect our wonderful Battery Kemble Park, an urban haven that we have long enjoyed. By jamming so many large houses into the Murphy property, the Dorchester plan would almost thrust building walls into the park itself. (Remember, Chain Bridge Road, which separates the Murphy property from the park, is a narrow two-lane thoroughfare without sidewalks.)

We urge you to reject the Dorchester application. Developers already have stuffed several large houses into parts of Chain Bridge Road, almost or in fact encroaching on the right-of-way. It's time this greedy over-building stopped.

Respectfully,



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