

April 4, 2006

Dear Mr. Griffis,

We are writing in reference to the application from Mr. Bender and Dorchester Associates (BZA Application No. 17309) for a special exception to the D.C. Zoning Laws.

The Battery Kemble Park is beautiful and a delight amid all the concrete surrounding it; families and hikers enjoy the changing of the seasons, sledding and walking their dogs. The park will be negatively impacted if the Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace Tree and Slope Overlay is disregarded. There are steep slopes already in the park and those could become even steeper and more eroded, if an exception is granted to the developer. The Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace Tree and Slope Overlay is there to protect the trees, shrubs, flowers, animals and to help keep the watersheds clean. Every square foot of soil, trees, etc., removed from the Overlay, impacts the Potomac, which impacts the Bay. There have already been houses in the area built disregarding the tree protection. We must discontinue the negative cycle of irresponsible developers; they are in it for the short-term and the money. We owners, are here for the long-term and don't want to see our resources wasted.

Let's not let Mr. Bender and Dorchester Associates have an exception to the Chain Bridge property that will set a precedence for other developers to think that D.C. does not uphold its zoning laws, nor tree protection acts, and is in favor of unscrupulous developers.

Sincerely,



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