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Mr Geoffrey Griffis
Chair -- Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 North 4th Street, N W
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis:

Re: BZA Application No. 17309, Dorchester Associates

I write as a resident of the Palisades neighborhood, in strong opposition to a special exception to zoning laws to permit a crowded development of 13 large homes on just 3.5 acres along Chain Bridge Road NW. Your decision in this case will be unusually important for the future of neighborhood efforts to protect tree cover and proper storm-water slope runoff, due to the special overlay enacted for Chain Bridge Road a few years ago. You can promote, or harm, the future of all DC neighborhoods with this decision.

Our neighborhood put many hours of thoughtful, cooperative citizen effort into crafting and backing a tree and slope overlay to protect the area against exactly this type of over-scale development. The present Dorchester Associates proposal also compromises the existing character of the neighborhood by overcrowding lots, and is heedless of protecting the District's tree cover, which the City and organizations like Casey Trees are working to enhance. This development as currently planned would undermine all that good work.

I urge you and your colleagues to help defend the value of DC zoning enforcement, and to protect neighborhoods that are in-scale and green – the kind of neighborhoods desired by the great majority of DC residents, wherever they live.

With thanks.

Sincerely,



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