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Geoffrey Griffis
BZA Chairman
1 Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW
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By facsimile 202-727-6072

Re: Dorchester Associates Application, BZA Application No. 17309

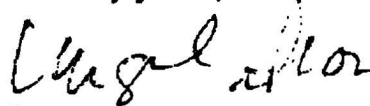
Dear Mr. Griffis:

Is it any wonder that the population of the District is declining? One reason surely is the inability of the District's citizens to control the increasing number of "McMansions" and other developments in residential areas that threaten our homes. As you well know, the residents of Palisades and Kent are extremely upset, and rightly so, at the development plans of Morton Bender at 2762 Chain Bridge Road. We have been fighting these plans for some time. Mr. Bender claims to have responded to our concerns, but he clearly has not, as the studies prepared by our homeowners associations make clear.

I have heard my neighbors discussing selling their homes and moving outside the District if this development goes forward. I don't blame them. My property is as much at risk as theirs, from traffic accidents, destruction of trees, and stormwater runoff. This is a lovely, quiet area and Mr. Bender's development does not belong here, at least as he currently envisions it.

Many citizens believe that, too often, the BZA either does nothing, or it affirmatively sides with the developers whose plans threaten to destroy neighborhoods and individual properties. I hope that, on July 18, the BZA will prove them wrong and protect the residents of the District from developers like Mr. Bender. That is your job, isn't it?

Sincerely yours,


Virginia E. Sloan

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