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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. - Room 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 17309
2600-block, Chain Bridge Road, N.W.

Dear Mr. Griffis:

Pursuant to the attached letter from Morton A. Bender, dated September 6, 2006, this firm is now counsel to Dorchester Associates LLC (the "Applicant") for the remainder of the Special exception proceedings before the Board of Zoning Adjustment ("BZA").

At the conclusion of the July 18, 2006, public hearing, you requested that the Applicant provide the BZA with: (i) a copy of the letter from Applicant's engineer who examined the subject property and (ii) a list of Applicant's rebuttal witnesses who will testify at the September 19, 2006 continuation of the public hearing in this matter.

Accordingly we enclose the May 23, 2005 letter from Howard J. Rosenberg, P.E. to the Applicant regarding observed conditions at the subject property.

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The Applicant expects to call the following persons to offer rebuttal testimony:

Osborne R. George, Transportation Engineer
James Apfel, Civil Engineer
Howard J. Rosenberg, Structural Engineer
Stan Andrulis, Architect
Thomas Bonifant, Arborist
Morton A. Bender

Very truly yours,


George R. Keys Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D
Maxine Brown Roberts, D.C. Office of Planning
J. Patrick Brown, Esq.
Mark Brodsky, Esq.
Morton A. Bender

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HOWARD J. ROSENBERG, P.E.

May 23, 2005

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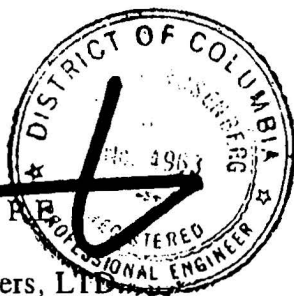
Pursuant to your request, I visited the above referenced property on April 27 and May 9, 2005. The purpose of my visits was to walk the site and to familiarize myself with its topography. Reports made by outside sources alleged that there were areas of severe erosion in and around the property, and that the site contained large amounts of earth fill.

While at the site, I was not able to discern where fill existed nor did I see soil erosion. On the contrary, the site appeared to be well suited for the intended use of custom homes. It is my understanding, that during the planning stages for the development of the project, a thorough evaluation of the site will be made by competent geotechnical engineers

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Howard J. Rosenberg, P.E.
President
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