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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
BZA Chairman
1, Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Re: Dorchester Associates (BZA Application 17309)

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I understand that after several delays, supposedly to allow Mr. Bender time to address the concerns of the community, his application is going to be heard on January 10. I would like to point out, first of all, that Mr. Bender has made no attempt to contact any representatives of the community and, secondly, has not made any attempt to rectify the concerns regarding water run off, destruction of trees and defacement of the neighborhood which would result if he goes ahead with his plans for 13 large homes on the property at 2762 Chain Bridge Road, N.W.

As a neighbor living behind Chair Bridge Road, my own property (not to mention my property value) will be affected as a result of erosion and mudslides resulting from the collapse of embankments during and after construction. The stream which runs between the two areas already goes over its banks during a heavy rainfall and will only continue to erode the land on each side of it, if Mr. Bender gets his way with this application.

I do not understand how the greed of one developer can be permitted to take precedence over the rights of the neighbors. Other communities have managed to put a halt to this kind of development and it is time that the D.C. government does so as well. I urge you to insist that Mr. Bender consider alternate plans for the property by denying the application.

Sincerely,



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