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Dear Chairman Hill and Board Members,

My name is Darian R. Glover and I am an owner at *460 New York Avenue Residential Condominium* in Northwest DC. I support, with conditions, the District of Columbia Department of General Services for the proposed temporary relocation of the Central Cell Block to 501 New York Ave NW.

I disagree with my neighbors' objections regarding the following:

- There are no details provided regarding "six police forces transporting detainees". The number of estimated vehicles, time of day, noise, etc. is not specified. The area is a high traffic area for vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic. Will there be police sirens? I am frequently disturbed by pedestrians on L Street NW shouting, vehicles honking their horns, and vehicles playing music loudly on their sound systems. In addition, there have been building alarms at *460 New York Avenue Residential Condominium* that have gone on for weeks and months. I do not understand how the situation can become worse due to detainees two streets over.
- The site was previously the site of at least a dozen District highway safety vehicles. I have not seen any citation that the proposed use will increase or decrease such use. In addition, New York Avenue NW is a high traffic area. The ANC and my condo board have not, to my knowledge, have otherwise advocated against the existing traffic levels. Thus, any nominal increase is inconsequential. Their lack of action in the past is telling.
- Again, New York Avenue NW is a high traffic area. There is no citation as to how there might be an increase in congestion due to the proposed use. If there were any such concern, the objecting parties would be on record with proposed solutions for the New York Avenue corridor. Again, ther lack of past actions is telling.
- *A Bambini Child Care Center* is nowhere near the proposed facility. Bambini has many locations, none of which are "feet" from 501 New York Ave NW. This is a demonstration of the falsehoods perpetuated by objectors. Their intention is clear, stirring up a panic.
- Any distress is caused by ANC 2G. ANC 2G has pursued an agenda of fear, uncertainty, and doubt. There is no evidence of any productive dialog.

My primary concern is that the site may not be "temporary". I would appreciate knowing when the site will no longer be a detention facility and what it will become thereafter.

Regards,
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- Disruptions from the facility's 24/7 operations due to six police forces transporting detainees to the facility.
- Noise pollution from potentially over eighty detainees and from increased activity at the building.

- Increased traffic from police, employees, vendors, etc., leading to congestion.

- Safety risks associated with the potential release of detainees into the community -most notably to the community organizations and business that cater to children. The facility's proximity to Bambini Child Care Center is causing great distress among parents and staff. The proposed cellblock is also just feet from residential property.

The proposed temporary relocation of the Central Cell Block to 501 New York Avenue, N.W., will have a direct, significant, and adverse effect on the residents, business owners, and community organizations nearby. This neighborhood has undergone transformation over decades from a state of neglect, characterized by parking lots and dilapidated houses, to a vibrant area with mixed-use residential developments. We are asking that this Project not be allowed to undo that progress and that DGS be directed to find a more appropriate and less impactful location.

Thank you for your consideration.