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Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

My name is Ebtehaj Kalantar, and I live on the 3800 block of T St NW. My contact information is 240.277.6616 and [ebtehaj@gmail.com](mailto:ebtehaj@gmail.com). I previously registered to testify at the BZA hearing but am no longer able to attend. Please accept these written comments in opposition to the appeal in lieu of my testimony.

My family has lived in the Burleith neighborhood since June 2020, and we have been members of the Burleith Citizens Association for much of that time. While we appreciate the BCA's many contributions to the neighborhood, past and present, we oppose their efforts to reverse the city's improvements to the Ellington Track and Field. We believe city time and resources would be better spent enhancing public recreational life rather than litigating lighting permits. I have also heard from other residents who share this disagreement with the BCA's appeal.

The Track is an invaluable part of our lives; it is where we take after-dinner walks, where our daughter learned to ride her bike, and where we have built real friendships. The Track's ongoing closure has had a significant negative impact on our daily lives, and we fear this appeal will only further delay its reopening.

We support the new lighting and believe the benefits outweigh the BCA's stated concerns regarding noise, glare, and traffic. The lights would allow for livelier evenings and provide a safe space for children to play and neighbors to gather after sunset, particularly during the darker fall and winter months when we spend too much time confined to our homes. As residents living within one block of the field, we can see the new lights from our windows. I observed the lights while they were on and found the glare to be negligible—no brighter than existing street lights. Furthermore, while daytime traffic and parking can be challenging, in the evenings near the Track, traffic is light and parking is abundant, as many nearby properties have private garages or parking pads.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ebtehaj Kalantar

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