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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the building project currently proposed in Southwest DC by Douglas Jemal and company. As a District resident and voter, I want to lend my voice to the chorus of community members and groups opposing this project.

First and foremost, this project is more of what DC does not need: unaffordable housing. The lack of truly affordable housing (not just 'rent reasonable' units) is one of the most pressing issues facing the District. Allowing for even more housing which seeks to exclude the poor and working class while catering exclusively to the wealthy only worsens the problem.

In addition to the problems related to affordable housing, the idea that the District is seriously considering any concessions for a know fraudster and slumlord like Douglas Jemal is outrageous. While the previous presidential administration may have seen him fit for a pardon, we here in DC know full well the history of Jamel's business behavior and to give this a green like would make fools of us all.

Please deny this and any subsequent requests from Douglas Jemal, especially requests which so flagrantly ignore the District's need for affordable housing for all.

Best Regards,

Benjamin Ketchum