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Anthony J. Hood, Chairman,
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing on behalf of the Public Access Corporation of the District of Columbia (DCTV), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which is the occupant of Brooks Mansion, owned by the District of Columbia, and located at 901 Newton St NE, across the street from the development at 901 Monroe St NE, proposed by 901 Monroe Street LLC, in Case No. 24-15. Our comments are submitted to this proceeding in our capacity as the steward and caretaker of Brooks Mansion (Bellaire).

As the Commission is very likely aware, Brooks Mansion is designated as a National Historic Landmark, and is 1 of approximately 2500 on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. Sites which have been designated as Landmarks are of substantial historic importance to the entire nation along with the local community and state, and the standards for their care and preservation are to ensure a high level of historic integrity.

The neighborhood of Brookland is named for the family that built Bellair, and it has a long history of religious and educational significance. As is the desired standard for National Historic Landmarks, it should not be treated as an afterthought or worse, as inconsequential, but with considerable thought and planning to continue to enhance its integrity and people's relationship and association with it. As such, we strongly urge that Brooks Mansion be incorporated into the Construction Plan, to take extra care regarding any impact that the construction at 901 Monroe Street NE may have on this important Landmark.


Further, by incorporating DCTV into the Construction Plan, we seek to ensure that DCTV's important mission serving our city residents and use of its facilities in Brooks Mansion are not affected during construction.

More specifically, (DCTV) respectfully requests that as part of the project Construction Plan, that DCTV be included in the list of properties listed in Appendix A, for the Applicant to conduct a Pre-and Post-Construction Survey to establish a baseline and to determine the effect, if any, that excavation and construction activity on the 901 Monroe St Property had on our property, with any repairs that may be need to performed by the Applicant.

In addition, we request that the Applicant's Representative under the project Construction Plan, commit to working with DCTV as part of the Construction Plan requirements, to arrange noise abatement during times when DCTV has scheduled to record productions in its studios.

As DC's media education, production, and cable television channels serving our communities, and as the steward and caretaker of this important national Historic Landmark, we hope that proactive steps can be taken to ensure no interruptions to DCTV's activities and to ensure the integrity of the building.

Respectfully,


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District of Columbia

CASE NO.24-15

EXHIBIT NO.125