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Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

My name is W. Mason Preddy and I live at 490 M., St, S.W., Unit 602 West in the Tiber Island Cooperative Housing Complex. I vehemently oppose allowing these buildings to be built higher than what you have already allowed.

On September 25, 2006 when I first learned at a South West Neighborhood Assembly meeting the plans to make these buildings even taller I brought up a concern that these new proposed heights would block not only my view but other condominium owners views of the Capitol Dome. Mr. Shalom Baranes from Shalom Baranes Associates arrogantly replied to me that "that is what happens to views, they go away". I have since tried to email and telephone Mr. Baranes to discuss this and he has flat out consistently ignored me. In fact, I have found through this process that the developer and their entire team have been very arrogant and have often talked down to the citizens and citizen groups of South West. Blocking my view will no doubt diminish mine and others property value.

This city has been made famous as a result of special laws protecting monuments, memorials and great buildings that make up the District of Columbia. I do not feel that this project warrants anymore special considerations.

You have already granted them other special zoning exceptions. It is time for this developer to stop asking for the keys to South West and move on with their project with what they have once and for all.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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