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Good Evening Zoning Commissioners and District Government Officials.

Initially I started out as a proponent of the McMillan Development and as time passed and after attending meeting after meeting, I soon realized there doesn't seem to be a recommended solution for the increased impact of traffic on First Street due to the development. The last meeting held by VMP the topic of discussion was the Transportation Study delivered by Grove/Slade. This was the turning point in my decision from proponent to opponent when there was no discussion of the thousands of additional vehicles and the impact they will have on First and the surrounding streets past Channing. From day one everyone knew that traffic was a concern for Bloomingdale but it wasn't discussed because there isn't an answer.

VMP and the District government both are aware of the impact the additional traffic will generate and the increased congestion. It seems to be if you ignore it, than it will go away, but it won't. What is the traffic solution to intersections that are already gridlocked and where thousands and thousands of more vehicles will travel daily? Currently the residents of Bloomingdale and Bates are witness to cars stuck in gridlock traveling on First Street trying to turn either left or right on New York Ave to exit the city. We see cars using our alleys as alternate routes when there is nowhere for them to go. Does the government care? Does development surpass the concerns of the Bloomingdale residents?

The impact of thousands upon thousands of additional vehicles travelling down First Street becomes a quality of life issue for the residents. When vehicles sit in traffic idling and exhaust fumes are released, who will breathe it? When our alleys turn into secondary streets who will this cause unsafe conditions for? The residents of Bloomingdale.

As a tax paying resident of the District of Columbia, I urge the government to step up, get more involved and address the concerns of the increased traffic problems this development will cause. When the construction is finished and the developers are on to their next project, it's the Bloomingdale residents that will have to endure what use to be a traffic problem on First Street that turned into a Bloomingdale gridlock disaster.

Thank you,



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