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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express the critical nature and importance of BMP. I have lived in this neighborhood for 10+ years and have been on the right side of this fight from the moment I moved to this neighborhood. The crime in DC has been unbelievable over the past 2 years, but you don't hear about shootings, muggings, sexual assaults, etc. at the park. This park serves as a much-needed, almost at times desperate place of peace. Every single time I walk past the park I experience two emotions: gratitude and fear. Gratitude that I even get the opportunity to look at a wide open green space with people at peace, and fear that for significantly wrong reasons, the primary of which I have always said and will continue to say is greed and a lack of respect for what we who live here appreciate, will be taken away from us.

Especially with the pandemic the park has served a critical service to the community -- a place to safely be with loved ones. How this reality and perspective cannot dominate the space in considering destroying this place is beyond me.

I also wonder why the park hasn't been enhanced even and treated like the true city gem that it truly can be? If you don't want to make it better, fine. But don't take something away that we appreciate, value, and need either.

Sincerely,

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