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The Honorable Adrian Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia
Wilson Building
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RE: Undergrounding of Overhead Power Lines on 12th Street, NE

Dear Mayor Fenty:

I am writing to request your support for a public-private partnership between the District of Columbia and Pepco to place underground the overhead utility lines along 12th Street, NE in Brookland, particularly along the business section of the corridor. The city and Pepco have worked together on undergrounding utility lines in several other District neighborhoods as part of streetscape improvement initiatives, and Brookland would similarly benefit.

Undergrounding utility lines makes neighborhoods and business districts more visually pleasing. It also reduces utility line maintenance costs, the number of weather and accident related utility disruptions, transmission losses due to the use of larger conductors, and greenhouse-gas emissions.

Undergrounding utility lines on 12th Street, NE fulfills your vision of creating thriving, revitalized neighborhoods and moving the city forward faster. This is also an infrastructure improvement that will benefit future generations of Washingtonians.

As always, your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you on this very important project for the Brookland neighborhood.

Sincerely,

s/ Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr.

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