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The Honorable Adrian Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia
Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Temporary Suspension of 12th Street, NE Streetscape Improvement Initiative

Dear Mayor Fenty:

I am writing to request the temporary suspension of the 12th Street, NE Streetscape Improvement Initiative while the feasibility of expanding the project to include undergrounding the corridor's utility lines is determined. Pepco, Verizon, and Comcast have each been contacted and asked to develop cost estimates to bury their lines.

Undergrounding the utility lines is highly important to Brookland residents and the revitalization of the Brookland Business District. As I indicated in my August 6, 2008 letter to you, burying the utility lines on 12th Street will make the corridor more visually pleasing, as well as reduce 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.

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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Ward 5 Councilmember

cc: Frank Seales, Jr., Interim Director, District Department of Transportation