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January 13, 2022

Mr. Tim Roberts, Property Manager
Douglas Development Corporation
655 New York Avenue NW, Suite 830
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of the Town Council and Town residents, I am contacting you to express regret and deep concern about the crimes that have recently occurred at your property at 6831 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda MD (Shops of Wisconsin). A murder and a robbery at gun point are searing events to our community, and one of the victims in the robbery is a Town resident. We therefore ask that you undertake additional security measures to deter further criminal activity on your property. As a neighboring jurisdiction with residents who frequent these shops, the Town has a vital interest in the safety of our citizens as well as the security and continued viability of your tenants.

Last week, Town officials met with Captain Sean Gagen, Montgomery County Police Department's Bethesda District Commander, to discuss these crimes and the department's response. At this meeting, we learned that the MCPD assists businesses such as yours in reviewing security concerns and recommending new or additional security measures to prevent repeated crime. These measures can include increased lighting, security cameras, and security guards. We understand that MCPD community resources officers have been in contact with you, and we encourage you to continue to work with them to find an effective solution that will enhance security at these stores.

We hope you will share with us your plans for security enhancements on your property, and we welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these issues further.

Thank you, in advance, for addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,

Barney Rush
Mayor

cc: Matthew Jemal, Leasing Agent, Douglas Development Corporation
Commander Sean Gagen, Montgomery County Police Department
County Councilmember Andrew Friedson