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Sent via e-mail

Ms. Argo:

At our regularly scheduled, public meeting on March 12, 2009, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted to express our concern with the internal Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) process that allowed illegal construction at 1367 Florida Avenue, NE which resulted partial collapse of the adjoining, occupied home at 1365 Florida Avenue, NE. Accordingly, we request the following information:

1. Update on the training of DCRA inspection staff. This is the third structure within this single member district to collapse during construction over the past two years.
2. Investigation of the contractors responsible for the work at 1367 Florida Avenue, NE.
3. List of fines and enforcement action taken on the properties where buildings have collapsed in this single member district: 1367 Florida Avenue, 1222 Maryland Avenue and 642 15th Street.

In close, we understand the challenges facing DCRA will not be resolved overnight. However, it appears the ability to work illegally outweighs the penalty of compliance. We look forward to your answers.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells