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Ms. Linda Argo
Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
941 North Capitol Street NE, Room 9500
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Reporting illegal construction on the weekends

Dear Ms. Argo,

At ANC 6A's September 13, 2007 meeting, community residents expressed concern about the frequency of illegal construction during the weekend and the lack of Department of Consumer Affairs (DCRA) and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) enforcement. You responded that DCRA had weekend duty officers that could be contacted at 727-6161.

Several community residents have tried to report illegal weekend construction to this number and were told that DCRA did not have weekend inspectors and that MPD should be contacted instead. The city employees who answered the phone at 727-6161 did not appear to understand that you and your senior advisors were advising residents to call this number to report illegal construction. Because MPD's response to calls of weekend illegal construction ranges from lackluster to non-existent, the community appears to have no mechanism to report and shut down weekend illegal construction.

Could you please investigate why the reports of illegal weekend construction to 727-6161 are not being investigated and let our ANC know how residents should report future incidents?

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Drew Ronneberg at ronneberg6a02@gmail.com or (202) 431-4305.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A