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Everett Lott  
Director, District Department of Transportation  
250 M Street, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Director Lott,

I commend DDOT, PEPCO, and other entities for their work on the DC Power Line Undergrounding (“DC PLUG”) Initiative. Once completed, the District will have a more resilient and reliable power system. And while any infrastructure project of this magnitude will necessarily include interruptions to utility service, road closures, and noise, constituent complaints regarding the DC PLUG Initiative’s work in Ward 4 have recently reached an inflection point that warrants additional scrutiny. I write to you now to discuss ways we can both ensure timely completion of the DC PLUG Initiative while minimizing its adverse impacts on District residents.

As background, my office has received several complaints regarding DC Plug Initiative work taking place within the *legally* permissible window for work, but outside the posted dates and hours. Without accurate and timely notice about the work being undertaken, residents have not been able to adequately plan around the accompanying disruptions. Additionally, it has come to my attention that DC Plug Initiative work has also caused disruptions to pick-up and drop-off at several Ward 4 schools, including Coolidge High School, Ida. B. Wells Middle School, and Whittier Elementary School.

I am requesting that your team provide a briefing for me, my Council colleagues, and the Ward 4 community regarding the DC Plug Initiative’s current status and its projected timeline for completion, as well as potential ways to minimize the Initiative’s disruptions to residents. At a minimum, I would like to identify ways to

provide more accurate notice to residents regarding planned construction. Please coordinate with our offices to identify a time to meet in the next few weeks.

As always, I appreciate the hard work and dedication of your team and I have no doubt that, working together, we can both keep the project on schedule and address the concerns of residents.”

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janeese Lewis George". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Janeese Lewis George  
Ward 4 Councilmember  
Chair, Committee on Facilities & Family Services

cc: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember and Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment