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Leif A. Dormsjo, Director
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Dear Director Dormsjo,

I write to request you delay consideration of public space permit application #116016, for work associated with the drive-through lanes at a new Chick-fil-A restaurant at 4422 Connecticut Avenue, NW, until after DDOT has conducted a formal study of the impact this drive-through will have on pedestrian safety and traffic flow along Connecticut Avenue.

I believe that Chick-fil-A's drive-through service, though very successful in a suburban setting, is inappropriate and potentially dangerous in our more crowded urban neighborhood. Therefore, I ask that DDOT conduct a formal study to assess, at a minimum, projections of daily drive-through traffic and the likelihood that cars waiting on Connecticut Avenue to enter the drive-through would create a safety hazard and block northbound and southbound travel. I also ask that the study assess the impact on pedestrian safety, especially during commuter hours, given that vehicles using the drive-through would have to cross a crowded sidewalk twice.

Finally, I ask that DDOT reexamine the excessive number and proximity of curb cuts on this particular block, which dramatically increases pedestrian and vehicle conflicts, inhibits the smooth and continuous flow of pedestrian traffic, and constrains the location of street trees, tree boxes, and other streetscape features.

Respectfully,

Malachy Nugent
Commissioner, ANC 3F06

cc: Muriel Bowser, Mayor
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