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Matthew J Marcou  
Deputy Associate Director  
Public Space Regulation Administration  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Marcou,

This week, the Council began its summer recess without taking any action on Bill 20-645, which would close part of a public alley behind 2427 Chain Bridge Road and transfer the property to the adjacent property owners. I along with many Ward 3 residents remain very concerned by this legislation as it would reward a property owner for his bad behavior, claiming public land as his own, and transfer public land without receiving any value in return.

Given these concerns, I believe that it is highly unlikely that the Council will support this bill and adopt it prior to the end of Council Period 20 in December. And wholly apart from what the Council does or does not do, the property owner is currently in violation of the law. Therefore, I urge DDOT to take immediate action to require the property owner to discontinue his illegal use of this public space as soon as possible. All fences and other items should be removed and public access unobstructed.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary M. Cheh".

Mary M. Cheh  
Councilmember, Ward 3