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Michael Stenger
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper
U.S. Capitol Room S-151
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Louisiana Ave. Protected Bicycle Lane Project

Mr. Stenger,

For the past three years, staff at the Architect of the Capitol and District Department of Transportation have been diligently planning critical safety improvements to Louisiana Avenue to make the road safe and accessible for people biking and walking through the Capital grounds. At the center of a network of regional trails and bike lanes, Louisiana Ave is a key gap in Washington DC's bicycle transportation network. The planned protected bike lanes and improved pedestrian crossings will help thousands of area commuters, congressional staff, and visitors get to their destinations safely without adding to local traffic congestion. But without the planned changes, Louisiana Avenue will remain a hostile speedway where only the most confident will consider taking trips by bike.

After three years, the public deserves tangible progress and a clear timeline on this project. While it may involve challenges, including removing or repositioning some Senate parking spaces, we, the 610 undersigned, ask that you work proactively with stakeholders to implement this project without further delay. A few parking spaces are a small price to pay for ensuring public safety in this busy city environment.

Please refer questions and follow-up to Garrett Hennigan at 202-518-0524 or garrett.hennigan@waba.org.

Respectfully,


Garrett Hennigan
Community Organizer

CC:

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, District of Columbia
Stephen Ayers, Architect of the Capitol
Director Jeffrey Marootian, District Department of Transportation
Councilmember Charles Allen, Council of the District of Columbia