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VIA: Email

RE: IndyCar Freedom 250 Grand Prix

Dear Mayor Bowser

*At a properly noticed general meeting on April 14, 2026, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B voted 8-0-0 to submit the following letter regarding the IndyCar Freedom 250 Grand Prix of Washington, DC.*

ANC 6B is opposed to the IndyCar Freedom 250 Grand Prix of Washington, DC, a race scheduled to take place on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, on the National Mall. It is our concern that this race will cause unnecessary noise and pollution and will risk injury and damage to our National Mall.

This race was imposed upon the District of Columbia by the President's Executive Order in January of 2026, a process which did not allow for any consultation with D.C. elected officials or residents. According to press reports, the original intent was for the race to take place on Capitol Hill, but the plan was altered when it became clear that necessary Congressional support would not be forthcoming.

This event's noise and pollution will affect the lives of residents and visitors such as those suffering from asthma, and using considerable oil products during wartime. Furthermore, there is a risk of damage to the National Mall and other D.C. buildings, some of which are on the National Register of Historic Places; both as a result of alterations made to accommodate the event's infrastructure, and as a result to the unpredictable and dangerous nature of auto racing which may result in crashes. This latter element also poses a risk to life and limb of participants and bystanders.

We request that federal and District of Columbia officials take any available opportunity to cancel the event, or, failing that, to mitigate its effects on District of Columbia residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Pastore".



Samuel Pastore  
Chair, ANC 6B

CC:  
National Capital Planning Commission  
Attorney General Brian Schwalb  
Councilmember Charles Allen