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125 Vermont Ave., NW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20005-0575

November 11, 1999

The Honorable Anthony Williams, Mayor
1 Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Klingie Road NW (Rock Creek Park)

Dear Mayor Williams,

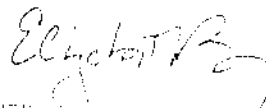
On behalf of the Friends of the Earth, I would like to urge you to direct the Department of Public Works to abide by its March 14, 1995 decision to permanently close Klingie Road NW to motorized traffic.

Klingie Road was closed 10 years ago due to deterioration of the roadway as well as dangerous water and drainage problems. In 1995, the DPW announced it would close the roadway, remove the hard top surface and create a recreational area. The DC government delayed closure of the road until new funding became available.

Currently, however, the DPW is conducting a study on whether to re-open the roadway. Now that funding is available to carry out its prior decision, we urge you to direct the DPW to abide by its 1995 promise to the community and expeditiously convert Klingie Valley Park into a multi-purpose use recreational area.

One of the greatest challenges to public officials is the conservation of scarce resources. Since Klingie Valley and its tributary system is one of the main watersheds of Rock Creek Park, closing Klingie Road to motorized traffic would both benefit the community and protect our irreplaceable Rock Creek Park.

Sincerely,



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