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Dear Mr. Gatling,

I'm a current resident in the Silverton condominium, and a former resident/renter of one Blair apartment complex.

I'm writing to express my deeply felt concerns about the development plan as referenced in the subject line, especially regarding the part related to a prospective veterinarian office/hospital.

I experienced trauma incurred by dog attacks twice in my life, once when I was a kid, and once as an adult -- each time I had to see a doctor and medical procedures/measures had to be taken. The psychologic trauma and consequences are still being felt severely today.

My challenges have been exacerbated by many dog owners' lack of basic consideration of others, and being not adequately civilized, to be honest. I'm referring to the fact that they don't put their dogs on leash, where they're supposed to do so.

I have had enormous challenges when I tried to walk on the wooded trails on beach drive (the portion that's accessible from East West Highway on one's way from Silver Spring to Bethesda), I frequently encounter dogs let loose by their owners that're running wildly all over the place, including very aggressive ones. Their owners oftentimes refused to put them on lease even when I urged them to do so. I called the National Park Services a number of times, and they had tried but were not really able to help out, since this is happening very frequently. Eventually I had to give up. Now I can only afford to walk on the paved trail outside the woods, as I dare not encounter aggressive, unleashed dogs in the woods each time I'm there to take leisurely walks -- the whole thing has become an ordeal. I was essentially forced into this situation by those uncivilized, thoughtless dog owners. However unfair that is, I can't do anything about it, unfortunately, which is such a shame. I've been so disheartened by it!

I mention this case here just to say that I currently enjoy walking around the Blair community across the street from where I live (esp. since I used to live there), without that kind of fear that I experienced on the wooded trails. But that will definitely change once there's a veterinarian office/hospital -- I will never even have the basic peace of mind for walking around my neighborhood, as I don't have confidence at all about the behavior of the dog owners who will come visit - they and their dogs will take over this peaceful community. I don't want that basic freedom of walking around my neighborhood without fear taken away from me because of this development plan!

**I'm vehemently against this plan.**

PLEASE, PLEASE take into consideration of my pain, my challenges, my need to live, relax, really, just walk - peacefully near where I live. That's my basic rights. PLEASE DO NOT take this away from me.

Thank you very much!

With gratitude,  
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