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Gabe Klein  
Director, District Department of Transportation  
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Dear Director Klein,

I have been hearing from my neighbors and constituents about the new policies related to parking meters throughout the District. The increased parking rates, Saturday enforcement at parking meters, and a 2 hour maximum parking limit, are making it more difficult for neighbors to park and patronize local businesses.

Although an increase in parking meter rates is designed to reduce congestion, improve parking options, help local businesses with turnover, bring the District in line with other jurisdictions, and raise revenue, I am concerned that actually this change is unintentionally causing considerable inconvenience to residents and creating economic hardship for businesses in Ward 3 and downtown. As this change is implemented, I have been hearing loudly from my constituents that, in particular, 2 hours is not enough time to have a meal or enjoy a movie. And some residents want to drive to the subway and take public transportation downtown but cannot park long enough to do so.

In light of this concern, I am writing to ask if you would consider extending the time limit for meter parking from 2 to 3 hours? Please let me know your thoughts.

Regards,

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

Mary M. Cheh