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October 28, 2002

Honorable Linda Cropp  
Chairman, DC Council  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Cropp:

The American Lung Association of the District of Columbia (ALADC) joins the long list of supporters of the Coalition to Repair and Reopen Klingle Road.

We have reviewed the MCV Associates Transportation and Environment Cost Benefit Analysis and Assessment. We find it to be a credible report, and are concerned by its findings that closing Klingle Road leads to significant increase in toxic emissions.

We all know how bad traffic congestion is in our city. Sitting in traffic is not only bad for your nerves but also for the environment. When exhaust from your car mixes with sunlight it can combine to form ground-level ozone, a serious air pollutant and cause of respiratory disease. Since the barricading of Klingle Road, thousands of cars have been forced onto other, more congested roads, forcing them to sit idling in traffic.

The District of Columbia is classified as a "serious" non-attainment area for ground-level ozone, one of the six pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Additionally, according to the American Lung Association's recent report, State of the Air 2000, the Washington, DC/ Baltimore area received an "F" for ozone air pollution. WE CAN DO BETTER!

Repairing and reopening Klingle Road will reduce air pollution, lessen traffic congestion, and improve the quality of life in our community.

We applaud and support the Coalition in their efforts to help us clean up our air. ALADC remains committed to our *mission to prevent lung disease and promote lung health*.

Sincerely,

Rolando A. Andrew  
Executive Director

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