

53 SMALL BUSINESSES CALL ON CITY COUNCIL TO PROTECT WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM TOXIC ACCIDENTS

As a Washington, D.C. business owner it concerns me that a terrorist attack on any American city can dramatically affect the local economy for years to come. I am writing to urge you to support Councilmember Kathleen Patterson's bill that prohibits the transport of large quantities of the most hazardous substances through D.C. unless there is no alternative route or there is an emergency.

I am greatly concerned about the impacts that accidents or terrorist strikes could have on the community and the attractiveness of Washington, D.C. to investors, businesses and consumers. Consider these facts:

- The latest Homeland Security Council (July) estimate for killed and injured from an attack on a chlorine storage facility is equal to two baseball stadiums or 127,500 people, including 17,500 deaths.
- The U.S. Naval Research Laboratory testified before the D.C. City Council and estimated that 100,000 people could be killed or injured in the first 30 minutes following an attack with as many as 100 people dying per second.

The District of Columbia has a historic opportunity and obligation to restore credibility to government and public safety to the people of Washington. Councilmembers may not face a more important vote in their tenure on the Council.

I urge you to vote for the Patterson bill to protect the health of our community and the viability of our economy.

SIGNATORIES

1801 Corporation
Ample Development, Inc.
BAMI Products
Ben's Chili Bowl
Berman Studios
Café Luna
Capital Q BBQ
Capitol Hill Books
Cibola Farms
Clothes Encounters
Crooked Beat Records
DA's Regional Food and Drink
Dawn Price
DC Hot Sandwich Works
District Shade Shop
Doggie Style
Dottie's Boutique
Dukem Ethiopian Market

Duke's City
Eastern Coral
Elite Restaurant
Empire Video
Fine's Sweet Shoppe
Four Star Productions
Gallery 2000
Happy Cleaners
Hayden's Liquor
Idle Times Books
Idoc Optical
Jolt N Bolt Coffee & Tea House
Komi Restaurant
Kultur's Books
Lee's Flower & Card Shop
Madjet
Mimi's American Bistro
Montmartre Restaurant

Mt. Everest Restaurant
Naturally Yours
Noray
Oasis, Inc.
Patsy's Cards
Peacock Deli
Prego Deli
Quest Skinner LLC
Steam Café
Sweet Magnolia
Tara's Gallery, Ltd.
The Forecast
The Princely Fox Glass Studio
Tunnickliff's Tavern
U-Topia Bar & Grill
Yarmouth Mgmt. Co.
The M.A. Winter Company