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Dear Mme Dumas,

The Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Montreal is greatly concerned with the issue of affordable housing for low to moderate, income earners as well as health and recreational facilities for urban areas. This concern compels us to align ourselves with the Notre Dame de Grace Community Council in their efforts to insure a just and viable solution to the Benny Farm project.

We urge that the brief to the commission on Benny Farm by the N.D.G Community Council be given due consideration and that action be taken in the very near future. This project has been on the discussion table for a considerable length of time and the problem of affordable housing is not waning.

The brief takes into account many facets, including affordability, community, zoning, management, selection and environment. These are extremely important points and must be seriously addressed.

Working together in good faith for the benefit of those most in need of affordable housing and the other services mentioned in the brief will surely bring about a solution that is fair and acceptable to all concerned.

Yours truly

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