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Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Peggy Kunkel
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I'm sorry we're still dealing with this. I wanted to float this past you two before I sent it to the whole BWS Neighborhood Committee on behalf of our representation of the NRCB.

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