Dear Mr. Smith & Mr. Powell:

I am contacting you regarding the damage sustained to my building during the sidewalk upgrade on the 300th block of North Washington Street.

On the week of February 5th, the City’s Contractor removed the sidewalks during construction, and in doing so, inadvertently changed the grade/flow of water on my block.

On February 11th, due to the grade change, drain obstruction, and heavy rainfall, the majority of all the water on the block drained into the lower level of my building causing significant damage to my building’s interior, including but not limited to, a 10 Ton HVAC unit, the sheetrock, insulation, etc. I personally live on the lower level and had to perform an emergency cleanup and purchase several sump pumps to remove the water. Review of the street and water flowage easily shows my building as the “low” point, and the drains were too obstructed from construction to handle the amount of water, therefore causing the flooding issue at hand.

I have detailed notes on how I spoke with the City’s contractors concerning the water runoff “**before”** the damage occurred, and was assured it was under control. Because of the Contractor’s negligence, I decided to contact Eric Powell directly on February 12th, and was told again to he would inform the Contractor & have them follow up with me on the issue. On February 13th, I spoke with the Foreman and again expressed my concerns about future rain in the forecast and my worry of future damage. He said he could see what he could do.

The Contractor has offered no help, or solution to rectify the damage incurred other than an Ultra Filter sock that was around around the area that collects water (after the damaged occurred). On February 15, 2024, due to the lack of satisfaction with what was laid to divert water, I asked for permission from the Forman to add my own sand bags to prevent further damage. The Foreman agreed that I could do this, however, during heavy rains we are still seeing major water build up outside with strong enough flow to move the plyboard walkways several feet.

I am reaching out now, once again, to respectfully request assistance. Please also accept this letter as my official request to file an insurance claim against Casey Slone construction to rectify the damage caused in this matter and to reimburse me for costs incurred thus far.

My hope is that Mr. Slone will reach out with his insurance information or steps on how he would like to proceed, as I have yet to hear from him on any of my concerns. I would simply like to file a claim to get my building fixed and I am hoping with the City’s help, we can all communicate and get this done amicably and without further delay.

Thank you so much for help, and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

With kindest regards,

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