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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Delegate
United States House of Representatives
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Norton:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the prohibition of sledding on Capitol Grounds. Specifically, sledding is prohibited in the *Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds* and 2 USC § 1963 states "It shall be the duty of the Capitol police on and after April 29, 1876, to prevent any portion of the Capitol Grounds and terraces from being used as playgrounds or otherwise, so far as may be necessary to protect the public property, turf and grass from destruction or injury".

Unfortunately, the Board cannot grant exceptions to the *Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds* or 2 USC § 1963. The Capitol Police Board will continue to review the regulations and implement updates as necessary. Please feel free to contact my office at (202) 224-2341 should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Larkin
Chairman
Capitol Police Board