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To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Indian Village since 2012, as well as former Property Maintenance Chairman, who oversaw many infrastructure projects including our Sidewalk Replacement with the City of Detroit and the HDC. Our 125 year old stone curbs were one of the few things left in our neighborhood that didn't need to be continually repaired by the City, residents or utilities.

These stone curbs have stood the test of time better than most of the original infrastructure we still have in our neighborhood. The fact DTE wants to take them out so it's more convenient for them is not a good enough reason. These stone curbs are maintain-less, and putting in concrete "replicas" which will need constant replacement is terrible. Who will be replacing these curbs when they break down, the city? DTE? And then how long would it take for actual repairs and replacements to be done?

Many outside communities look for these stone curbs to purchase because they know their value. Why should we literally throw away a valuable product (on many levels) because it saves a corporate entity that has historically shown in this City and neighborhood, profits outweigh doing the right thing (see tree trimming in alleys and pole replacements) and infrastructure up keep are not a priority because it costs them money?

It is absolutely outrageous for DTE to even make an ask like this. And where is the stone curb that they took out for the mock up? Apparently it was thrown in the back of dump truck undoubtedly busted and destroyed by their handling, and now somewhere in a City landfill, because DTE is so sure they the HDC and Detroit residents are so desperate for anything new going to be installed in the neighborhood "for free". Frankly, this is a disingenuous show that's being performed by DTE. And if they really care about providing a quality service while maintaining a historic look in any of the historic neighborhoods in Detroit, they would bury their utility lines. So the question is this: you want to tear up the stone curbs to save you two days worth of time, when are you going to bury the electrical lines and remove the neglected utility poles in the alley?

If they can answer that question with an actual date and plan, then maybe..but they won't, so they need to do the right thing, just like every resident and contractor that works in Indian Village.

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