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January 6, 2004

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
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Board of Zoning and Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210 S
Washington, DC 20001

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As residents of this community, we vehemently oppose any attempt to rezone the property currently occupied by Wagtime, or to otherwise modify the permits previously issued to Wagtime, in any manner that would negatively impact its ability to conduct business there. In this crucial time of economic and commercial growth for the District of Columbia, as well as the Dupont Circle and Logan Circle neighborhoods, support and encouragement of small businesses such as Wagtime is not only desirable, but necessary. In this regard, the improvement of these neighborhoods will not be fully realized through the development of only chic loft apartments, corporate coffee shops and designer supermarkets. To be sure, the influx of this type of commercial growth has no doubt benefited the community exponentially. However, the District government and its residents also must recognize the value added by the infusion and continued subsistence of smaller, more individualized businesses. This type of "balanced commerce" not only facilitates continued economic growth, but also adds to the uniqueness of the Dupont Circle and Logan Circle neighborhoods.

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cc: Lisa Schreiber, Wagtime, LLC

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