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I am writing in support of the Woodley Park Community Association's position to request BZA deny the application of Nando's restaurant in the 2600 block of Connecticut Avenue, within the boundaries of the Woodley Park Overlay Zone.

The Woodley Park Overlay Zone and the Cleveland Park Overlay Zone were the first overlay zones in Washington, DC. Jointly, the communities approached the DC Government, in an effort to support the special characteristics that make a neighborhood a desirable place to live. Already, there existed a listing of approved commercial uses, but as the major convention hotels in the neighborhood expanded, more and more restaurants appeared. These restaurants began to replace the small businesses that served the entire community. Consequently, an Overlay was designed, agreed to by the DC government that supported a neighborhood (consisting of private houses and apartment buildings), while also supporting the hotel audience.

Thanks to the Overlay Zone, Woodley Park has a number of small businesses that provide services to the entire community..businesses that are not just restaurants.

Respectfully,

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