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From: Patrick [mailto:pomasta@gmail.com]
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Hello,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the planned 70-foot structure at 1700 Rhode Island Ave NE. The structure is slated to be a homeless shelter intended to house 50 families. While I think the stated purpose is admirable, I find the execution wanting. The site would overwhelm the surrounding area, as evinced by the numerous variances required to execute the current planned structure. Even worse, I fear the site will become merely another warehouse like other large scale homeless shelters in the city and would replicate the well documented issues with the old shelter at D.C. General.

Let's give these families a chance by building multiple smaller facilities in the ward, rather than take the easy route and put them in a large building where they can't easily integrate into the neighborhoods. Ward 5 is a welcoming part of D.C. - please work with the community to achieve the city's goal of helping this vulnerable population. Thus far the city seems to have adopted a less than inclusive strategy - which will only ensure that nobody is happy with the outcome.

Best,
Patrick Omasta
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