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Re: Case 05-26

My name is Scott Taylor, and I live at 4007 Connecticut Avenue.

I moved to Washington, D.C. from Virginia in 1998 when I was hired by National Public Radio.

I fell in love with Washington, and I stayed here even after I left NPR and went to work for a company with offices in northern Silver Spring and Laurel, sometimes driving almost an hour each way to and from work.

I currently work for the University of Maryland.
I still live here and make the commute to College Park every day.

It would be easier to move, but I have a personal and social life here and want to stay in the city.

For the past 8 years I have shopped, supported local Washington businesses, and paid property, sales and income taxes to the District of Columbia. I'd like to think I am a good citizen.

The biggest problem I face everyday is finding a place to park in my own neighborhood. Sometimes I arrive home at 9:00 or 10:00 at night and must park three, four, five, and even six blocks away.

The proposed Clark project will only make the neighborhood's traffic and parking problems worse.

The building's architecture and design plans indicate that we will lose many of the existing on-street parking spaces in the block currently between Tilden Hall and the Embassy of Kuwait.

Forty-nine self-described luxury units will create a large pool of service people and contractors visiting the building everyday. The proposed new building will create many new visitors. They will need to park somewhere.

There is no way for Tilden Street to accommodate all of this expected traffic.

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I ask the Zoning Commission to think about the existing population of owners and residents who are already in the neighborhood. I am not sure who this new project is going to benefit, but it is certainly not me or my neighbors.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE R-2 ZONING!

If the Zoning Commission decides otherwise, I have to ask myself:

Why should I continue to live and pay taxes to a city that favors unrestricted growth at the expense of citizens who are already living and paying taxes here?

Washington is generally known as a city of "transients." I have demonstrated my loyalty to Washington, D.C. for the past 8 years. I hope that the Zoning Commission and Washington D.C. will demonstrate some appreciation and loyalty to me and my neighbors.

If not, I hear Virginia calling me back. And Maryland has some very nice options, too.

Thank you.

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