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Ms. Ellen McCarthy, Director
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Dear Ms. McCarthy,

I am writing regarding the proposed Dreyfus development on 2nd St. NE between G and H.

I moved to Capitol Hill in 1978 after graduating from Catholic University. I have lived here ever since with the exception of a four-year stint in Boston while my partner earned her Ph.D. I have always loved D.C. because of how open it is, its layout, tree canopy, and old houses. Over the years I learned the history of Capitol Hill and have twice now bought homes within the historic district.

I am glad that the District has made great economic strides in the last five to ten years but it is critical that the development be sensible and respectful of the surrounding neighborhood. Once historic residences are destroyed (as will happen with this development) not only are they lost forever but the entire feel of a given block/blocks and neighborhood is altered indefinitely. For many Capitol Hill residents (myself included), we chose to live on the Hill long before developers saw any value here. We love the Hill because the houses date to the 1800s and late 1700s, because we are a short walk from the Capitol, Library of Congress, Folger Library, numerous old churches, and other historic buildings. The city government needs to hear and value our desire to keep the neighborhood historic. The city should insist that new developments be to the scale of the surrounding houses and the architecture be modeled on and compatible with the architecture of the surrounding houses.

I oppose granting Dreyfus the upzoning they request. The upzoning would allow building a project that would be completely out of scale and character with the surrounding residential neighborhood. I urge you and all of the individuals copied on this letter to deny Dreyfus request in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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