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D.C. Zoning Commission
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Dear Commission members,

As pastor of an institution that has been a resident of Foggy Bottom for 156 years, I am keenly interested in the way this neighborhood develops. Therefore, I write to express my support for the mixed use project GWU is proposing for the old GW hospital site. I don't know all of the exact details. However, I participated in the community input process held about a year ago at The Washington Circle Hotel and I have followed the process both in the papers and in other ways.

I believe Foggy Bottom will benefit from a mixed use project. Foggy Bottom residents (some of whom worship here) can certainly use the type of retail stores being proposed. The housing and office space will also be good for the economy. In addition, I hope there will be a meaningful percentage of housing units devoted to low and moderate income people. Foggy Bottom historically has been home to many middle class folks. It would be great to keep that important part of our community's demographic makeup.

I hope you will approve the application so this important project can move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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