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DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, Suite 220
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Re: Case 08-06- Parking (Comprehensive Zoning Regulations: Chapter B-15, B-16)

Dear Commissioners;

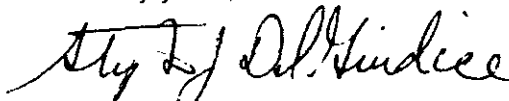
I write to encourage you to adopt changes in the DC Zoning Code for vehicle and bicycle parking. Regrettably, I cannot appear at your hearing due to a professional commitment.

I support the proposed regulations to move from vehicle parking minimums to maximum limits, and for shared parking, car-sharing spaces, and bicycle parking. While the Department of Planning proposed regulations are a step in the right direction, I would encourage you to adopt something closer to the regulatory framework proposed by the Department of Transportation. There is a strong rationale for limiting parking within transit-oriented communities. Recent experience suggests that households that are located near transit own fewer automobiles, make fewer trips, and generally use an automobile as a secondary means of travel. Similarly, those who work close to transit are less likely to use an automobile for work commuting. A basic limit of one space per one thousand square feet (1 space/1000 sq. ft.) is reasonable as it adequately serves the actual demand within transit-oriented areas.

The proposed regulatory framework is flexible because it would allow individual developers to seek additional parking by special exception. Applicants for a special exception should be required to complete a Transportation Impact Analysis and agree to a Transportation Demand Management Plan as conditions for approval.

I appreciate the importance of your decision in this matter. I reside in a transit-oriented community and live a transit lifestyle. I also work in the field, serving as a transit manager for another local government in the region. Reform of parking regulations is essential to the hope for a more balanced transportation system, a cleaner environment, and energy conservation. Your decision to adopt parking maximums and the proposed regulatory system will keep the District of Columbia in the forefront of enlightened transportation policy.

Sincerely yours,



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