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D.C. Zoning Commission
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Re: ZRR, Parking and Loading, Case No.08-06 , Chapter B15

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

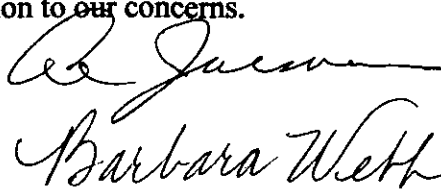
We are concerned about the impact on our neighborhoods of new development without minimum parking requirements. This proposal, referenced above, will put extra pressure on our neighborhood. Before living on Alton Pl. NW we lived at 3100 Connecticut Ave. NW where the parking opportunities were always a challenge. Don't change the current parking restrictions.

We see spillover parking problems as our current minimum parking requirements are far below the actual vehicle ownership for residential buildings. For example, the new condominium on Harrison Street near Wisconsin will have 49 residential units with the required 25 parking spaces. We know that the streets closest to Wisconsin Avenue have severe spillover parking problems. With this change, we can expect it to get worse, with more streets having all the spaces occupied more of the time. (It is most effective if you speak about the importance of being able to park near your house, or on the same block, rather than speaking about wanting to be able to park directly in front of your house. Many in the neighborhood consider themselves lucky at times if they are with a block or two of their house.)

We have had many battles over the years, pretty much always in support of moderation and quality of residential life in Tenleytown. The metro is in serious need of repair and both sides have made it clear that subway planning and city planning do not coordinate their visions for the future. The escalators and elevators are frequently out of operation. Some of those most negatively impacted by these problems, those with disabilities and the older (more seasoned) among us, would not be able to substitute bike riding either. It is important to have adequate parking in new buildings because the result is not that folks forgo cars, it is that they park on the residential streets.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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