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Zoning Commission
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning, Suite 200-S
441 4th St. NW
Washington D.C. 20001
RE: Case # 08-06

Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Review: Chapter B-15

Dear Chairman Hood,

As a Friendship Heights Resident (44th & Harrison St.), I am writing in strong opposition to the proposal to eliminate minimum parking requirements in the areas near transit.

This proposal fails to protect the very same neighborhood residents, who are currently under siege by commercial and retail developers, and the traffic that it brings to our streets. Please do not eliminate the only minimal protection we have that affords us some ability to park near our homes. As a resident who lives one block from Mazza Gallerie, I find it a daily challenge to park in front of my home. On a daily basis I find cars parked with plates from Maryland, Virginia and DC, who are not Zone 3 residents immediately in front of my home. Though Metro is only a short two blocks away, these commuters, shoppers, and others are not using mass transit, but are still driving and using our streets to save the expense of commercial parking lots. Having lived in the neighborhood for the past 10 years, I have seen an increase, not a decrease in auto traffic and congestion on our streets. It's a mere fallacy that denser development will decrease auto traffic and encourage mass transit, as I've personally witnessed the opposite in my neighborhood.

As a DC tax payer and resident of Friendship Heights, I request the same consideration that my voice be heard in opposition to the changes proposed to eliminate minimum parking requirements in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Margaret Nides

4400 Harrison St NW

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