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Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Office of Zoning
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Hood,

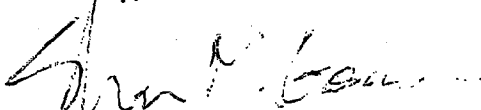
This letter is in reference to Friendship-Macomb SC Inc. (Giant Foods) PUD case no. 08-15. I live in McLean Gardens with my wife and two pre-school aged children. We have lived in McLean Gardens for over 5 years now and feel it is time for the Giant PUD to be approved.

Besides that the site layout and design has been a result of a collaboration between Giant and the neighborhood, this development will bring much needed amenities to the neighborhood without having a negative impact on traffic, pollution, noise, etc. This neighborhood desperately needs a new and larger grocery store as well as more retail space and off-street parking. It only makes sense to allow a more dense development in a neighborhood that is a focus point for MetroBus, with easy access to the 30's lines, 96, H4, N's and X3.

As an Architect and member of the DC chapter of the American Institute of Architects, I feel that the project is of the appropriate scale for the neighborhood and properly engages the street-life of both Wisconsin Avenue and Newark Street. Ward 3 needs more transit-oriented developments like this enhance the quality of life for everybody.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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