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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Washington, DC
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Re: ZC #08-15 (Friendship Shopping Center-3336 Wisconsin Ave.)

Dear Commissioner Hood,

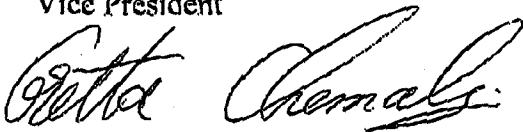
My business, Shemali's was located in a small space in the Friendship Shopping Center from 1991 to 2001, where we were very successful. When Giant, our landlord, terminated the lease and emptied the property in September 2001, five years remained on our lease. Giant promised that we would be able to return to their redeveloped property with a Wisconsin Ave. front soon with a rent amount that we could afford. (\$30.00 per square feet).

In the seven and a half years since, we have continued to operate in another location, but with considerably less success. We have asked Giant for written guarantees of the promises we have relied on, but have not received any. Mr. Colavolpe (Senior Vice President of Ahold) told me that they will honor Giant promise to us. Mr. Heapes (from Stop and Shop) on the other hand, told me that we are welcome to rent a space on Idaho or Newark avenue for the current market rent. I have incurred legal costs of \$15,000 in efforts to pursue this.

As primarily a deli, carry out, catering and grocery selling Middle Eastern food, it is my understanding that Shemali's would not be counted in the Overlay restrictions on restaurants.

I am bringing this to your attention so that you have the facts about Giant's failure to commit to honoring the promises made to us, and at community meetings, to provide affordable commercial space for pre-existing businesses.

Gretta Chemali
Vice President



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