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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my sincere and adamant disapproval of the zoning change for 7121 Wisconsin Ave, NW. This new delivery service will operate with 16 kitchens and be open until at least 2am EVERY DAY.

I operate and own Anna Banana Arts and Crafts, LLC (see my website below) at 3270 S Street. My art studio for children is directly adjacent to the alley way that will access this new establishment's loading and unloading through their back door. I have very small children, ages 2 to 8 years old, coming and going at all times during the day. They cross the alley entrance multiple times a day as they are being dropped off or picked up. I have over 80+ kids that attend my art studio. www.annabananaartsandcrafts.com

Directly across the street is the Jelleff Boys and Girls Club which hosts afterschool programs during the school year and summer camp for children. In addition, the field at Jelleff is used by the nearby British School of Washington, Hardy Middle School and multiple other schools for soccer, baseball, lacrosse and other sporting events. The traffic on S Street already causes huge problems during pick up and drop off. There are lots and lots of kids in and out of this area on S Street and Wisconsin Ave. at any given time. Having witnessed firsthand in the neighborhood where I live, I see food delivery people idle in their cars waiting for pick ups and deliveries. They leave their personal trash without any regard to the impact on the neighborhood. There is the constant waft of marijunana. All of these issues will impact our quiet, peaceful and historic neighborhood. **This is NO place for an industrial kitchen to operate. 16 kitchens!!!** I am so surprised the zoning was changed with no input from the neighborhood. The meeting discussing the zoning decision was bri\ought to my attention the day of the hearing and I was unable to attend the zoom meeting!! No outreach to neighbors. I had to go in front of the Old Georgetown Board to put tasteful SIGN on my building. **This decision has been made with NO regard for the businesses and private homes affected by this change.**

There is currently a considerable rat problem in the alley behind 1721 Wisconsin Ave. - I can only imagine the increase in the rat population. Idling cars, trash, backing in and out of the alley, noise and the danger that delivery drivers will cause is frightening. I know you have seen Uber Eats or other such delivery drivers making wide, illegal u-turns on busy, four-laned streets, only to zoom off at breakneck speed. Imagine how many delivery cars/trucks will be accessing the alley for an establishment that has 16 kitchens! Not only will multiple delivery cars be on or around the site on S Street and Wisconsin Ave but the delivery trucks that bring the food items to be cooked on site will also create an ADDITIONAL backup of traffic. This will also add to the traffic that currently goes in and out of the Sherwin Williams Paint store's parking lot right across the street from the alley on S Street.

Please, please take into consideration the negative impact that this new "ghost restaurant" business, <u>which is not even a LOCAL business,</u> will have on all of us that live and work here. Please, please do not let this business ruin our block with trash, noise, rats, traffic and most importantly the danger of children possibly being hurt by the influx of cars and trucks

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