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Mr. Sockwell
DC Zoning Office
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
#210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Sockwell:

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued operation of the Georgetown Flea Market. I understand you will be making a decision next week, and, as a neighborhood resident, I very much hope the Market can continue. The Market is a source of enormous community good spirit and cohesion, which far outweigh any minimal impact on parking in the area.

I have walked through and shopped at the Market practically every Sunday and look forward to seeing the mix of people (all ages, races, economic groups), the good-natured exchanges between vendors and shoppers and among the vendors. I love buying fruits and vegetables and the occasional piece of furniture or other treasure from vendors I see each week. The existence of features like the Market is one of the things that gives the District life and character and makes it an appealing place to live. I believe it would be a tragedy to lose the Market, and extremely ironic to lose it to Arlington, Virginia. What a sad state of affairs if the suburbs value such an urban feature more than our city does!

Please save the Flea Market!! Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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