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Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

I own an apartment in the Logan circle/14th street area in a building that happens to be surrounded by alley homes, and I love that they are there! Alley homes add no inconvenience, they adapt and reuse wasted or blighted space, they beautify our alleys and make them safer to walk through. I believe they have only positive impact on the value of my home and the experience in our neighborhood, and would be delighted as a resident, homeowner, and voter in the city to see even more alley housing.

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. Alley housing can help address affordability, increase neighborhood safety through active usage, and enhance community character.

But DC is in a housing crisis, and we urgently need to build more homes. To help support housing creation, the Zoning Commission should consider:

1. Eliminating expensive parking mandates for alley homes.
2. Aligning unit limits with the limits of their zones.
3. Aligning the height limits of alley homes with their zones.

These changes will help us build a more inclusive, vibrant, and affordable DC.

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