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Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Trying to find an affordable place of my own to live in DC isn't easy--there are only so many basement apartments. The city should take advantage of our alleys to build more housing, which would also make alleys SAFER! It's a double win.

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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