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Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

I have been a DC resident since 2019, renting in the Brookland, Shaw, and now Columbia Heights neighborhoods. It is beyond apparent that housing supply is in no way meeting demand, and the proportion of renters who are rent-burdened is only increasing. Allowing for creative, right-sized solutions to increase housing stock is necessary in order to help alleviate the housing crisis.

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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