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Hi,

I am DC resident writing in support for the applicants in Case 20445 being heard on Wednesday. DC used to have thriving businesses tucked into our neighborhoods when the historic buildings and neighborhoods we all have come to love were built. You can easily see the remnants of corner stores, small shops, and old office that have been converted to residential use during the era of strict regulation of land use in the city. We should go back to allowing businesses to exist near people, it is what makes our neighborhoods thrive.

Many of the places people love are mixed use areas with small retail spaces. DC is quickly losing small retail space where local businesses can start, because of unnecessary regulations like the strict zoning in many of our neighborhoods. I believe this project will not have an undue burden on the neighborhood or nearby residents, and from what I have seen and heard in the neighborhood there is great support for the applicant and their idea, which seems to reflect on past failures in the space and rectify the issues. DC should not stand in the way of businesses operating responsibly.

Please approve this zoning relief and support more businesses like this in the future.

William Reckley