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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my concerns regarding the challenges faced by Ching Ching Cha, a small tea house in Dupont Circle, owned by a minority woman. As a regular patron and supporter of local businesses, I have noticed how the current zoning issue impacts this establishment.

Ching Ching Cha is more than just a tea house; it is a shining example of the American Dream. The owner, an immigrant who has embraced the opportunities of this country, has built a successful business through hard work and determination. Her journey epitomizes what it means to strive for a better life and contribute positively to the community.

This tea house contributes significantly to our local economy by attracting customers and generating tax revenue. However, the ongoing zoning issue has forced changes in its operations, and upset customers and surrounding businesses who all benefit from shared customers. The reduced customer traffic to Ching Ching Cha has had a noticeable effect on nearby establishments.

My wife and I enjoy visiting Dupont Circle primarily for the unique experience that Ching Ching Cha offers. Without this tea house, we would have little reason to travel to the area or to shop and dine at the other establishments nearby. The presence of Ching Ching Cha significantly improves the appeal of Dupont Circle and supports the local economy by drawing in patrons like us.

Our local government must embrace and support entrepreneurs like the owner of Ching Ching Cha. Her story is a testament to the values that make our country strong—hard work, perseverance, and pursuit of the American Dream. By addressing this zoning issue, we can help ensure that Ching Ching Cha continues to thrive and contribute to our local economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Logan D. White

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
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