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To the Board of Zoning Adjustment

I am writing to express my **strong support for The Aston Shelter** in relation to the upcoming January 29th hearing. As a resident of Ward 2, I urge you to ensure that The Aston can continue its critical operations.

The Aston plays a vital role in our community as the first DC shelter to welcome couples and adult families. Closing its doors, particularly during the winter, would be both cruel and dangerous, forcing vulnerable individuals back onto the streets.

Opponents have had ample opportunities to share their concerns. Now, it is time to prioritize the needs of the community. I respectfully ask you to reject any attempts to shut down The Aston and to ensure it can operate at full capacity.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,  
John Colter  
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