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Hello,

I hope you're doing well! I'm writing to express my support of the Aston Shelter, which is a critical resource for some of our most vulnerable neighbors in DC. As the first DC shelter to accept couples and adult families, the Aston is unique and in fact irreplaceable. For people who are unhoused, familial relationships may be all they have to fall back on. Keeping families in need together instead of tearing them apart is the right and humane thing to do.

The BZA should not entertain the frivolous objections that may be raised at the Jan. 29 hearing. Opponents of the Aston have had ample, ample time to voice their objections, especially given the fact that the opening was delayed for a whole year. There is no reason to listen now, when the shelter is already open - shutting it down would waste resources and upend people's lives.

Moreover, temperatures in DC this winter have been deadly - forcing families onto the streets now would be completely inhumane and unjustifiable.

I hope the BZA will reject efforts to shut down the Aston. Thank you!

Best,
Katy