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Hello,

My name is Madeline Auerbach and my husband and I are Ward 2 residents. **I am writing *in support of the Aston Shelter* in advance of the January 29th hearing.** The Aston is a critical source of support and housing for some of D.C.'s most vulnerable residents. Additionally:

- The Aston is the first D.C. shelter to accept couples and adult families, protecting the dignity and unity of those most in need.
- Opponents already had ample opportunity to weigh in on this project; shutting the shelter down now disrupts lives and wastes resources.
- Closing the Aston mid-winter is deeply inhumane, particularly at a time when we are experiencing extremely cold temperatures.
- **Most importantly, the BZA should reject efforts to close the shelter and the city should authorize it to operate at full capacity.**

Thank you for your consideration, and I eagerly anticipate the outcomes of the January 29th hearing.

Warmly,
Maddie Auerbach

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