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To the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

As a Ward 2 resident and a practicing professional planner, I'm writing to express my opposition to the appeal filed by the West End DC Community Association regarding The Aston at 1129 New Hampshire Ave NW. Since opening last November, the Aston has provided sorely needed housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, and I fully support this use.

I agree with the Department of Building's analysis in Exhibit 10, specifically finding that The Aston is an apartment building as stays will be at least one month and each residence is private with a kitchen, bathroom, and locked door; providing comparable exclusive use and control per the BZA determination in Appeals No. 18151 and 20183. The emergency shelter definition does not apply since stays would be 30 days or longer and the GWU PUD did not include the subject property.

I respectfully request that the Board deny the appeal and allow the Aston to continue to operate as intended.

Sincerely,

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