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Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Nora Weiss and I lived in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood in Ward 2 for four years, from 2020 to 2024. I was also a student at George Washington University, and recently graduated this past May.

I am writing to voice my wholehearted support for the Aston, Foggy Bottom's new bridge housing facility. I am profoundly glad that the Aston is now up and running, and that 50 more residents of our city are now accessing safe, stable, and inclusive housing.

Personally, I find the opposition to the Aston's operation to be deeply offensive and entirely baseless. It is unacceptable that some individuals are attempting to rob our neighbors of their safe housing, who are already in a vulnerable situation and have endured the severe trauma of housing insecurity. I urge you to completely ignore the claims of the Aston's opposers, whose arguments are undoubtedly rooted in both racism and classism.

Once again, I am in full support of the Aston, and I truly hope to see its continued operation. As a George Washington University alum and recent Ward 2 resident, I could not be happier that a former GW graduate dormitory was converted into a bridge housing facility. I am equally thrilled that this facility will offer dignified housing options for individuals and families who cannot be served by other options -- including mixed gender couples, families with adult children, and people with medical vulnerabilities. I have the utmost faith that this housing facility will transform countless people's lives, and is essential to protect and preserve.

Thank you,
Nora Weiss