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Dear Zoning Commissioners,

I am a DC resident living in Ward 3, but I spend a lot of time in and around Ward 2 and GWU and the Kennedy Center. I'm writing to encourage you to reject efforts to close the Aston.

The Aston is the first DC shelter to accept couples and adult families, protecting the dignity and privacy of those most in need. Opponents of the Aston have already had ample opportunity to weigh in on this project: shutting the shelter down now disrupts lives and wastes resources. Closing the Aston now, in mid-winter, is inhumane and will force people back onto the streets. DC should authorize the shelter to operate at full capacity.

Thank you for considering my views.

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