June 10, 2004: Hearing before the Zoning Commission
re: Upzoning of Square 37

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My name is L.Combrinck, a residant of Foggy Bottom at The York Apartments, where I serve as the president of Y.A.T.A. (The York Apts. Tenants' Association); I also serve on the board of TENAC, the Tenants' Advocacy Coalition, which fights for and supports rental tenants' rights in this city.

I wish to support the Tiverton Tenants in their effort to oppose the upzoning of Square 37 and to maintain the residential status of their lot.

Such a decision would be critical for preserving residential property providing affordable housing for rental tenants, especially since Foggy Bottom has lost a large proportion of it and the West End area has seen a boom in luxury condo and rental buildings - and more to be built - all around the Tiverton; naturally, such housing is far out of the reach of average working residents, resulting in an exit of these persons to the suburbs.

I would urge the commission to consider Mr. James Petus application for his own property only, and to question his motives for wanting to upzone the lots adjacent to his in Sq. 37.

Why accommodate one property owner's request which would benefit him and his interests but that would hurt other segments of the District's residents? This would not be a fair decision to all.

signed:

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