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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
Office of Zoning
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Re: Case No. 02-06

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I want to express my support for the development that is going on in the 3500 block of Connecticut Avenue, NW, in Cleveland Park. For the past nine years, I have lived, shopped and eaten in Cleveland Park. There is a wonderful diversity of businesses there, and I rarely find it necessary to go elsewhere to shop. The retail businesses provide convenience, but the restaurants provide that sense of community in Cleveland Park. Without them, Cleveland Park would be just another commercial district in urban Washington.

Lately, I have been surprised to hear that a few, vocal residents are trying to prevent new, and even replacement, restaurants from opening in Cleveland Park. Apparently, they are claiming that the restaurants would exceed some percentage limit that would throw the neighborhood out of balance. That's non-sense. As far as I am concerned, there aren't enough restaurants in Cleveland Park. It seems that these people have convinced the ANC and the Cleveland Park Citizens Association to take up their cause. I do not know who they are claiming to speak for, but it's not me. Nor do they speak for my friends and neighbors in Cleveland Park, all of whom share my opinion. It would be a shame if a few people succeeded in limiting the vitality of the neighborhood for the vast majority of Cleveland Park residents.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit 30

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