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Carol J. Mitten
Chairperson, D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 04-16, A Proposed Zoning Text Amendment to Create the Takoma Neighborhood Commercial Overlay District and Map Amendment to Map the Overlay

Dear Madam Chairperson:

I have followed closely the development of, and the discussion surrounding, the proposed zoning text amendment referenced above, particularly since my home abuts the overlay district. The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the zoning text amendment for the Takoma Neighborhood, *as drafted*. I support efforts to encourage responsible, mixed-used development in the Takoma commercial district and I believe the proposal, as drafted, strikes an appropriate balance that will encourage such responsible development while ensuring that the uniqueness of the Takoma neighborhood is preserved.

Thank you for your consideration of my perspective.

Sincerely,

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