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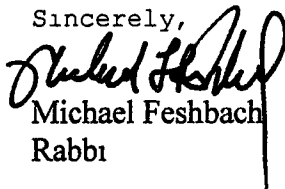
To the District of Columbia Office of Zoning

Our congregation has been actively working on housing issues for the past few years with a number of other synagogues in the area (including some in the District) While some of our members live in the District most live in Montgomery County. We are very concerned about the lack of affordable housing in the area and have pressed the Montgomery County Council to strengthen their affordable housing law, which did happen this past year. Even with these new laws there will still be a huge gap between those that need affordable housing and the supply.

For this reason we are writing in support of the new Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning law in the District of Columbia The lack of affordable housing in the District affects us all Where will those residents who can't find affordable housing in the District go?

They will have to move to the suburbs like Montgomery County, making our affordable housing crisis even worse The solution has to be a comprehensive approach to housing in the entire region A Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning law in the District is part of that regional solution We applaud the District for making this move and hope it can be strengthened even further

Sincerely,


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