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Ms Carole Mitten
DC Zoning Board
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Dear Ms Mitten:

Recently it has come to my attention that you are involved in consideration of mandatory Inclusionary Zoning here in the District of Columbia. As you undoubtedly know better than I, the area and the city, in particular, desperately need adequate housing for middle income families. When I hear of teachers, of whom I was one until retirement, who cannot afford to buy acceptable homes in the District, where they are committed to our children—I am personally embarrassed. The same situation must hold for our fire fighters and police officers. Nothing that is proposed will remedy the situation, but we absolutely must make a start.

My cleaning person embodies all of the virtues extolled for “making it” in our country. She is hard working to a fault. She never complains. She is determined to have a better future for her children. She is willing to work extra hours or even days each week. Nothing over which she has any control will enable her under the present economic conditions to purchase here even a small coop.

Developers deserve to make a profit on their projects. They do not deserve to make excessive profits, nor does the District government have the right to ignore that part of our citizenry which has limited economic resources.

I urge you to support the proposal for mandatory Inclusionary Zoning in the District of Columbia.

Thank you

Sincerely,


Kathryn J. Schmidt

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