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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC) in strong support of the zoning text amendment forwarded to the Commission by the Office of Planning (OP). AWC has coordinated directly with OP in the drafting of the document and has helped shape the text to address a variety of neighborhood, waterfront and South Capitol Street development considerations.

The AWC and OP are jointly engaged in the urban planning for the South Capitol Street Corridor with several District agencies, such as the District's Department of Transportation and the Sports and Entertainment Commission (SEC). This ongoing planning effort will result in an urban design and development strategy, which builds upon both the existing neighborhood as well as the future public investments in the ballpark and South Capitol Street. The vision is to sensitively integrate an existing neighborhood into the emergence of a mixed-use and mixed-income waterfront community.

The AWC believes that the text amendment has been drafted to the appropriate level of detail to allow SEC the necessary flexibility to design an architecturally unique and distinctive ballpark, while presenting the Zoning Commission clear design criteria by which to properly review the project in the context of the existing community and the emerging neighborhood. Review criteria pertaining to massing, parking, retail, public realm and environment are all rightfully and explicitly identified in the text.

Respectfully,

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