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ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 05-08
EXHIBIT NO. 25

The Honorable Carol J Mitten
Chairperson
D C Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW
Washington D C 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case #05-08, "Proposed Text Amendment to the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia to Modify the Capitol Gateway Overlay District to Define "Ballpark" and to Allow a Ballpark Use"

Dear Ms Mitten

The Capitol Police Board, designated by statute as the oversight body for the operations of the United States Capitol Police, charged with the responsibility to protect Senators and Members of Congress, the core functions of the federal legislative branch, and to provide for policing and physical security within the Capitol Building and Grounds, respectfully submits the following comments on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking

The National Capital Planning Commission has recommended that the following language be included in the proposed text amendment before the Zoning Commission ("Commission") in this matter

> "That the security concerns of the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board be given due consideration during the Ballpark design process, particularly as they relate to the height of the proposed Ballpark "

In order to appropriately carry out its statutory responsibilities, noted above, the Capitol Police Board supports the inclusion of this provision As noted in Zoning Commission Case #05-08 materials, the proposed text sets forth, among other things, the height, setback, and parking requirements that will apply to the Ballpark project and establishes a process for the Commission to review the Ballpark's final design for compliance with these requirements and adherence to design criteria

In establishing such a review process, it is critical that "due consideration" be given to the statutory responsibilities of the Architect of the Capitol, the Capitol Police and the Capitol Police Board and the overall security of the U S Congress Therefore, the Capitol Police Board requests

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that the process for the Commission's review of the Ballpark's final design provide for timely notice to and meaningful input from the Capitol Police Board, particularly with regard to the height and sightlines of the proposed Ballpark, inclusive of lighting structures, including any security concerns with regard to all other proposed buildings or structures within the Ballpark Site as contemplated under sections 1606 18 and 1606 19 of the Text Amendment - Capitol Gateway Overlay District

Moreover, please provide the Capitol Police Board with the appropriate method and/or procedures to ensure the due consideration of important federal security concerns with regard to all other proposed buildings and structures within the environs of the Ballpark development project that may not be specifically included in the Capital Gateway Overlay District

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration regarding this extremely important issue. Please feel free to contact Mr John T. Caulfield, General Counsel Capitol Police Board, at (202) 224-9251 with any questions

Sincerely,

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