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Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Room 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 07-33
Text Amendment Pertaining to Clarification of the
Text of the Reed Cooke Overlay Concerning Beer and Wine Sales

Dear Members of the Commission:

This is to state and confirm the Executive Branch's wholehearted support of the proposed text amendment referenced above, to clarify the Zoning Regulations that the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption as a limited use within a larger grocery store would be permitted as an accessory use as a matter-of-right in the Reed-Cooke Overlay District. This clarification is necessary in order to assure that the Harris Teeter store presently under construction at 1641 Kalorama Road is in conformance with the Zoning Regulations as a matter-of-right for its anticipated sale of beer and wine at the site.

Actions on the part of the District to secure a full service Harris Teeter grocery store at this location constitute a highly significant economic development initiative of significant benefit to the community and to the District of Columbia at large. Attracting new full-service grocery stores to the city has been challenging for many years and the ability for new stores to offer a full line of products and services consistent with what competing stores can offer is a key component in the decision as to whether a new store should be built in the city.

The District government has been working on this important project for several years. The District has been aware of Harris Teeter's open and constant expression to the District and the community of its intent to sell beer and wine sales at this site.

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We look forward to your support of this text amendment so that this project may proceed to completion as intended by the grocery store operator at its inception several years ago. We appreciate the consideration and support of the Zoning Commission in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Albert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "N" and a long, sweeping tail.

Neil Albert