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Via fax to 202-727-6072

RE: Zoning Commission Case 08-06-2
Opposition to proposed Amendments to the Parking Regulations 11 DCMR

Dear Chairman Hood,

I OPPOSE the amendments proposed in case 08-06-2. The Office of Planning's proposal to eliminate most minimum parking requirements and impose maximums would have a severe negative impact on me. The proposal is ill-advised, ill-considered and based on faulty premises.

Spill-over parking would increase on my already busy residential street. Traffic flow on my one-way street would also become more dangerous. Even though my block has recently had new Do Not Enter signs posted at its northern end, drivers entering my neighborhood from nearby Wisconsin and Nebraska Avenues in search of parking routinely ignore those signs.

I would also have increased difficulty navigating through the city in which I live and work. This would not only be true of many of the narrower residential streets I use, but also of the retail and commercial areas where illegal and disruptive parking, including double parking, would undoubtedly increase if the proposed amendments were adopted.

With the reduced supply of parking and increased demand from every new development that would result from the proposed changes, I would probably take even more of my business out of the city than I do now when I have transactions that require a vehicle.

The proposals in case 08-06-2 are not the path to mass-transit, smart-growth utopia that its proponents suggest. Not even close.

Sincerely,


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