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Chairperson Anthony Hood & Members
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
One Judiciary Square - Suite 210S
441 4th Street, NW
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re: ZC Case 08-06-7 (Comprehensive Zoning Rewrite: Campus / Institutional

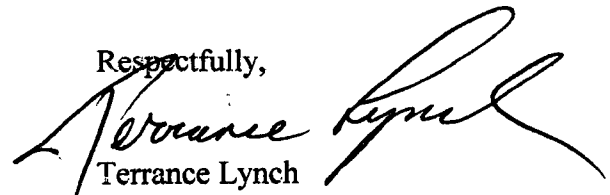
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Dear Chairperson Hood & Members,

I wish to express opposition to any inclusion of Houses of Worship (e.g. - churches / synagogues / temples) for imposition of restrictions on use that is now allowed in all but one overlay district under this proposal.

The Constitution and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1994 make clear that places of worship should not be restricted by state or local land use restrictions unless there is a compelling public purpose. No such findings have been made to this end by the Office of Planning in this matter.

Respectfully,


Terrance Lynch
Executive Director

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