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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: CASE NO. 08-06-7 (Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Rewrite:
Campus/Institutional)**

Dear Chairman Hood & Members of the Commission:

Because I will not be able to attend the 12/10/08 hearing, I am writing in support of the proposed revisions to the Zoning Regulations governing campus and Institutional uses. I am a long time Foggy Bottom resident and I have a great deal of interest in the District's regulation of universities and their campus plans and development efforts as a close neighbor of The George Washington University.

I participated in the Work Group meetings held this summer and I support the proposed rewrite of the zoning regulations because it goes a long way in clarifying the rules that will govern the review of campus plans. It will be quite helpful to have a standardized process that applies to all large institutions in residential zones.

The dual level of review, however, I believe is unnecessary and places an unnecessary burden, both on District resources and those of the institutions, organizations, neighbors, and other parties involved. The process would be improved if a campus plan review were required every five to ten years, without additional zoning reviews every time an individual project is built.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to give favorable consideration to the proposed revisions submitted as it considers language to implement these concepts in the next stage. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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