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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 4:27 PM
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Letter in favor of changing the zoning law to allow the rental of up to code in-law suites in Ward 4 --- Hawthorne neighborhood

Greetings,

My husband and I have lived in the Hawthorne neighborhood for the past 23 years. Our in-law suite has been used by relatives for the past few years and was re-modeled to be fully up to code.

Both of us will be retiring June 2016 and we have an urgent financial need to rent our up-to-code in-law suite/English Basement apartment at that time to supplement our retirement income. All of our immediate neighbors agree with us that older and long-time residents add considerable stability and friendliness to our neighborhood.

We believe that many current and future residents of our neighborhood have or will have a similar need at retirement, when children are off to college, or any other time when incomes are limited. Speaking for ourselves, we strongly urge the DC Zoning Commission to allow residents in our neighborhood to rent their in-law suites/English Basement apartments. This would benefit the ever expanding group of people who need rental spaces and residents in the Hawthorne neighborhood --- a win win for both groups.

We are aware that folks in our neighborhood rent out these type of spaces illegally, without protections to either tenants or landlords. We anticipate that the Commission will agree that this practice leads to possible safety hazards and a general sense of instability.

For all of the reasons above, we strongly urge the DC Zoning Commission to change current regulations and allow in-law suites/English Basements to be legally rented, once Certificates of Occupancy are obtained and business licenses granted.

Sincerely,

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