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Testimony in SUPPORT of Case 08-06A

Subtitle C (Parking) / Subtitle D (Accessory Apartments &/or Corner Stores) / Subtitle E Corner Stores / Subtitle I Downtown (Parking)

Good evening, members of the Commission.

My name is Alexandra Dodds. I live on Ontario Road in Lanier Heights, and I'm here tonight to express my strong support the proposed changes to DC's zoning ordinances, including the reduction of minimum parking requirements, easing restrictions on accessory apartments and corner stores, and simplifying the overall code.

DC is becoming a modern, dynamic city but its neighborhoods have historic heritage. Our zoning code should work for both. The changes currently under consideration by the Commission are all excellent steps in the right direction. If anything, I would prefer the proposed changes go farther than they currently do.

I consider myself lucky to live in a neighborhood I love. And the things I love about my neighborhood—the social diversity of my block, the incredible public transportation options close by and the grocery store on the corner—would all be supported by the proposed changes to our zoning code.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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