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Anthony Hood
Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
One Judiciary Square
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Re: Zoning Case No. 08-06A, Subtitle D

Dear Chairman Hood and the D.C. Zoning Commission:

I would like to live in a safe, walkable neighborhood with amenities, but can't seem to afford it. I am a single mother, earning \$80k a year; however, even with my moderate income, I cannot afford to live in such an area. I currently live at Fort Totten, but long to have a walkable neighborhood where I can walk to the grocery store, dry cleaners, restaurants, and parks with a bike path. However, due to zoning, I cannot.

When I come home from work, I have to get back in the car to do all of these things or I am relegated to shopping at 7 Eleven, which is unhealthy and I refuse to do. When I drive outside of my neighborhood, I am often envious of how the "other half" lives and wish I too can find a way to have a better quality of life. I've tried looking into either renting or purchasing a home in a better neighborhood, but I simply can't afford those units. I feel defeated. If new zoning will alleviate this problem, I would feel less apathetic and more hopeful of staying in the city.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,


Michelle Williams