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VIA IZIS

Anthony Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Subtitles G, H, I, and K of Draft Zoning Regulations (September 2013) -- Petition for Regulations of Big-Box Retail Development

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Petition from the D.C. Big Box Zoning Coalition. This coalition seeks to regulate the adverse impact of large retail projects in the District by proposing that these projects secure a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment before they may proceed with development. The zoning rewrite underway is the best opportunity to incorporate this policy.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Michael Kroopnick
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Enclosures

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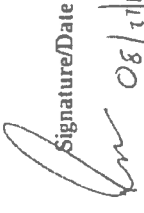
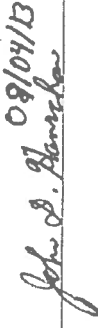
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