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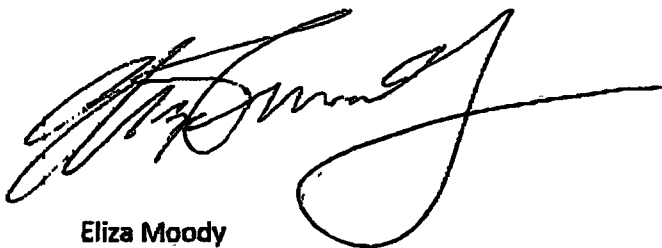
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal to expand the zoning overlay. I have regular involvement with the DC 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward congregation and can attest that a new facility is needed to meet the needs of the members of the congregation. The current facility does not have sufficient room to accommodate Sunday school, youth, and children's classes. Due to the overcrowding, the quality of services is reduced and options for youth activities are limited. A new facility will allow the congregation to meet its goals – helping its members become productive citizens who lead active, honest, and exemplary lives.

The new building design includes ample parking to meet the needs of the congregation. It should also be noted that Latter-day Saint congregations are kept relatively small for a variety of reasons. This orderly approach contains the possibility of the type of massive growth which would threaten the traffic patterns of the community. Not only have transportation experts from the city concluded that traffic impact on the surrounding neighborhood would be negligible, building planners have taken extra measures to ensure the new facility will not cause parking problems for its neighbors. This includes a significant additional cost to carve out nearly three times the amount of parking required by DC regulations.

Religious groups play a vital role in a healthy community. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has always taken steps to be a good neighbor, and I have no doubt that the surrounding area will benefit from the presence of this congregation in the community.

Sincerely,



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