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I am writing to oppose the proposal to expand the zoning overlay which will prevent the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from building a church building on the property at 16th and Emerson. I am a member of this church, and for the past 2 1/2 years I have worked with the youth of the DC 3rd ward, which the new church building would house. We have met in the church building on Holmead Ave. In NW DC and have outgrown the space significantly. There is not enough room for Sunday School and youth/children's classes and there is an overcrowding which reduces the quality of service that can be offered to the members. The new building would eliminate these overcrowding issues at the current building, and help our services to be run effectively.

Furthermore, the propsed building will not create traffic problems for the new neighborhood. There will be more than enough parking for those who drive to church. Also, meeting times will not be during rush hour. The church will not serve as a day care or school, it will only be used for church services. Our congregations are divided by geographical area, and thus we keep our congregations relatively small because we believe in giving each member a church responsibility. Having a large congregation makes it impossible to do so. Thus, we will not have a large congregation and it will be a neighborhood church as it will only include those in nearby geographic areas.

Please take the time to consider all of these issues and know that I support the building of this church to better effectively serve those members and youth of the church in this area of DC.

Thank you for your time.

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