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Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Re ZC Case No 14-11

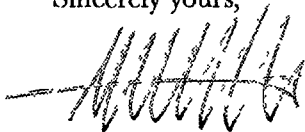
Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

I am in support of ZC Case No 14-11. In fact, I would encourage a proposal to go even further and adopt the Coalition for Smarter Growth's suggestion that "pop ups" cannot exceed the height of the two adjacent buildings regardless of their height. Rooflines are being dramatically altered and turrets removed which negatively alters the character of neighborhoods and the city as a whole. House by house the "charm" of the city admired by visitors and residents alike is being chiseled away.

Further, conversions of row houses into multi family homes has increased congestion and has made parking nearly impossible. The infrastructure was not designed to handle this increased density. Neighborhoods designated historic such as Capitol Hill which restrict popups do not suffer from these parking issues. Traffic has increased as drivers circle the neighborhood looking for parking which is, not only an inconvenience but, a potential safety hazard as residents have to walk further to their houses at night.

Please protect the existing residents and adopt this amendment.

Sincerely yours,



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