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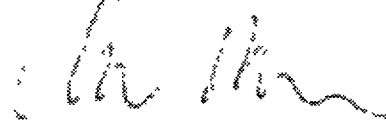
I own and occupy my row house at 1362 Perry Place NW, which sits on a 1694 sqft. lot and is currently 2 stories. I oppose the proposed changes to building height in R-4 zones

Any new restrictions on the current building heights would adversely affect my future intentions with my property. I plan on having a family and the current living space will become too small for my needs. I have to rent my basement to a friend to help subsidize my mortgage, so it is not an option to take over that space. As I already use and maintain the back of my property for parking, I will not be able to build outwards. Therefore, in order to continue to stay in my home, I will need to add an additional story and the 35 foot maximum would prevent me from doing so.

I love the diversity and feel of my neighborhood in Columbia Heights/Petworth and hope to raise a family here. However, any restrictions imposed on how I can expand my home would probably force me to seek housing outside the District

I hope the commission considers my situation, which I am sure is shared by many other homeowners in the R-4 zones.

Sincerely,



Chris Burns
Homeowner, 1362 Perry Pl NW

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