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Dear Mr. Moy

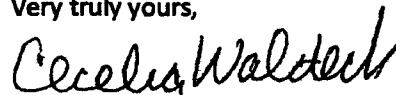
I was told by your office that I cannot directly communicate to the Zoning Commissioners. Therefore, I am sending this request to you. I and other residents in the District of Columbia support a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for row home conversions to multi-unit condominiums or apartment buildings in R4 neighborhoods until the Commission implements its proposed text amendments. We have been informed by Mayor Bowser and some of the Council members that the Zoning Commission is the only local entity with the legal authority to issue such a moratorium.

I have the following questions. 1) Does the Zoning Commission have the legal authority to issue such a moratorium until the 14-11 amendments are in effect? 2) If yes, what procedures would be followed to do this? 3) What can residents like me do to encourage the Commission to issue such a moratorium?

Finally, if the Zoning Commission does not have the legal authority for enacting moratorium, who does? Must residents petition Congress and the President to deal with such a local issue?

I appreciate your help in getting my questions answered. As you probably know, temporary moratoriums on building permit issuance during the often long process of changing zoning rules is fairly common in the United States. I and others simply want to know how this type of policy is enacted in the District of Columbia.

Very truly yours,



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