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Attn: Donna
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 write in support of ZC Case No 14-11. In fact, if possible, I would like to see a proposal that would go even further to stop unsightly "pop ups" and "pop backs."

Ugly pop ups are sprouting like mushrooms across the District and in my neighborhood. Developers are racing to buy and convert single-family homes into million-dollar condos or apartment houses. And, once these ugly buildings are finished, they are difficult to sell. The developer moves on and the neighbors are left to look at the mess left behind.

This amendment has the potential to stop these ugly buildings from continuing to multiply in our city. It will prevent developers from turning single-family homes into monstrosities that can ruin the look of an entire block.

For the record, my next-door neighbors at 221 Tenth St., SE, needed more room. They built a pop up third story onto their home several years ago. They were careful to work to make certain their home fit in with the historic nature of our neighborhood. They did such an excellent job that no one even suspects their home is a pop up, unless you point it out. It is a pity developers won't take such painstaking care with their pop ups.

Please adopt this amendment.


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