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**RE: ZC Case No 14-11**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission

I write in opposition to ZC Case No 14-11 (Proposal) I fail to comprehend why the District of Columbia (District) would willfully limit density in a large part of the city that also happens to be transit / metro friendly and adjacent to the central business district. If anything, the R-4 zoning area at issue should be even denser.

The Proposal's purpose appears to be to appease District residents who refuse to acknowledge that the District is a growing city that requires additional housing. These residents' primary concern appears to be aesthetic – that “pop ups” and “pop backs” are ugly and that they ruin “the look of an entire block.” These concerns are trivial and meritless.

The District needs new housing. The District needs affordable housing. The solution to a housing shortage is not to downzone an entire area of the District and prevent housing and density. Instead, the solution is to increase housing, and increase density, so that all people, regardless of their socioeconomic background, can afford to live near the central business district. The Proposal seeks to exclude anyone who cannot afford an \$800,000.00+ house from the R-4 zoning area.

I urge you and the Zoning Commission to reject this provincial and unnecessary Proposal, as well as the trivial and childish objections to aesthetics, and instead commit yourselves to increasing housing density within the R-4 zoned areas of the District.

Sincerely,

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