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Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Re: Z.C. Case No. 15-03

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

We are Belmont Independent Living Inc., a nonprofit operator of 1301 Belmont Street NW, which provides affordable housing and support for the disabled and wheelchair-bound. We are located around the corner from the project site, at the corner of 13th and Belmont, about one block from the site. We wish to express our support for the project.

We have met with the developer and have reviewed the proposed project plans. We believe the development is compatible with the neighborhood and will benefit our community.

We commend the developer for the public amenities that it will provide as part of the project. In particular, additional affordable units and deeper levels of affordability will be significant contributions to the community.

The developer has also generously offered to complete a major renovation of our community room and kitchen. We believe that a refreshed and beautiful community room will be a significant amenity in the lives of our residents. It will encourage them to congregate more together, be more social, and invite their friends and family to join them for meals, movies, games, and togetherness. Our commercial kitchen is at the end of its useful life, and the residents gather there to cook together and are able to host family and friends to cook meals together to be shared in the adjacent community room. A new state of the art ADA kitchen, with eating area, and the adjacent community room will be a wonderful contribution to quality of life for our residents.

Therefore, we ask the Zoning Commission to approve the proposed project, as it will benefit the neighborhood as a whole as well as our residents.



Steven H Bernstein, President