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To the Office of Zoning and Commissioners,

I request that you see my written, for the record comments below in opposition to the rezoning application for 1617 U Street NW.

Since I moved to DC in 2011, and to the neighborhood in 2018, I have witnessed extraordinary change to the area, driven by greed and an addiction to development by Mayor Bowser that undermines her stated goals - crime prevention, jobs, and affordable housing. This city does not need any additional luxury units. They remain empty, and only serve to artificially increase rent prices, drive out long-term residents, and make it impossible for the individuals who make communities vibrant - those with roots here, small businesses, and families - to survive. This development is another gross overreach of Mayor Bowsers misguided leadership.

I am opposed to this rezoning application and ask that you ask OP to go back to the drawing board and actually work with the community, those who truly care about and live in the neighborhood, to build a collaborative plan and resubmit their application to replace the one now before you.

I'd implore the Zoning Commissioners to vote NO on this unsuitable proposal and resolution.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
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