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The family-owned Gordon Restaurant Group - Chevy Chase LLC is the owner of Little Beast restaurant at 5600 Connecticut Avenue. Our family also owns the art studio Artsy Beast on Connecticut Avenue. Our family lives in Chevy Chase and are bullish on the Chevy Chase neighborhood. We are negotiating with a local landlord to open another restaurant here. We believe that if the upzoning is enacted, local landlords will take advantage of the greater building heights to take steps to redevelop their properties. Old building will need to be razed. We foresee that we can be pushed out of our locations for 2-3 years during the reconstruction period. That will put us out of business. After that, there is no reassurance that we will be able to afford the increased rent that will be charged. We foresee that mom-and-pop stores will not be able to compete with national chain stores. This will harm current tenants and undo the unique nature of Chevy Chase. We support a greater, broader review of Zoning case 23-25 which we believe was set down improperly. Chevy Chase businesses and residents deserve their rights to a contested case.

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