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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

I live in Chevy Chase, DC, near 33rd and Morrison, about four blocks from the Civic Core. I was once a zoning attorney in DC. I wish to express my support for the decision by the DC Zoning Commission in Case No. 23-25, which rezones parcels along Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Livingston Street, NW. The decision was made after years of community engagement. These zoning changes are consistent with, and implement the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, and the Housing Equity Report.

Overall, these zoning changes will foster a more walkable street environment along Connecticut Avenue and a more lively neighborhood. The zoning will also guide future potential redevelopment that relates sensitively to its neighbors, creates space for small businesses, and adds mixed income housing. For the public library site, the rezoning will facilitate its planned redevelopment with a state-of-the-art new library, community center, and public spaces. In addition, it will also help add much needed permanently affordable housing to this public site.

I urge the Commission to support this rezoning to create a more walkable, vibrant, and inclusive Chevy Chase main street. Yes, this is partly a form letter, but it really does express my opinion.

In addition, I have read the arguments of those opposed. They are based on unfounded fears of the impact of the development the rezoning would encourage. And they fail to consider that the existing Connecticut Avenue streetscape and mix of uses are anything but ideal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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