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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

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. The zoning will also guide future potential redevelopment that relates sensitively to its neighbors, foster space for small businesses, and add 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.

Further more, changes such as this to the rulemaking would make it easier for housing, especially affordable housing to be built in this area. Ward 3, including the Chevy Chase area, has fallen drastically short in both its housing and especially its affordable housing goals (see the dashboard from District data here: <https://open.dc.gov/36000by2025//>). This area has only reached 11.6% of the housing targets since 2019, greatly falling under the numbers set by the District's Housing Framework for Equity and Growth. Chevy Chase is a great place to live; additional housing is needed and should not be stopped by wealthy neighbors.

I urge the Commission to support this rezoning to create a more walkable, vibrant, and inclusive Chevy Chase main street.

Thank you for your consideration.

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