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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

As a practicing professional City planner, I'm writing to support the Zoning Commission's decision in Case No. 23-25 to rezone parcels along Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Livingston Street. The decision followed years of community engagement, and aligns with and implements the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, and the Housing Equity Report.

Like the recent 1617 U Street decision, this rezoning will maximize the value of City property to both deliver state-of-the-art community facilities (library, community center, park space), and also permanently affordable housing-which is sorely needed in this high housing cost neighborhood. The zoning enables context-sensitive development that will promote a more walkable Connecticut Avenue, foster space for small businesses, and add mixed income housing.

It also furthers the principles of the American Planning Association's Equity in Zoning Policy Guide, which calls on planners to affirmatively undue exclusionary regulations that disproportionately harm disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.

The Commission must support this rezoning, and affirm our commitment to creating a more walkable, vibrant, and inclusive Chevy Chase.

Thank you for your consideration.

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