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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

As a DC native, who grew up blocks from the Chevy Chase Library. I grew up going to the library and community center and my children attended camps there when they were little. I strongly 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.

As the parent of college Junior and recent college graduate, I am deeply concerned about the region and the District's housing shortage. I want them and other young people, to have the option of starting their careers while living in the city they grew up in. Building more housing in highly desirable neighborhoods like Chevy Chase is crucial to helping the city - and great walkable neighborhoods - become more affordable in the long term.

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.

Sincerely,
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