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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.

Residents of the area both support and oppose development, but development is the right thing to do for our community and our businesses, many of whom struggle because of the lack of residential areas within the commercial strip and near the community center and library.

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.

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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