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Dear Zoning Commissioners:

Zoning case 23-25 was set down improperly; Chevy Chase residents deserve their rights to a contested case, so that we can present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, and so that we will have the right to appeal the zoning decision.

I have lived in Chevy Chase DC since 1998. There is a beauty to this area that is founded on a residential feel and non-dense style of life. My children, all grown now, love this area for the same reason and keep coming back to see us because of their appreciation of this atmosphere. The dramatic change to the zoning strategy for this area proposed by this case would alter that residential feel and destroy one of main reasons people decide to live here for decades. It would be a manifest injustice for the Commission to change that atmosphere without giving current residents the right to contest the significant changes proposed to our neighborhood.

Change is inevitable, but procedural unfairness is not. This case is proceeding unfairly, and the Commission should cease being a party to that. Recent electoral results confirm the objection of many residents of many political jurisdictions to their representatives refusing to listen to them. Please take note of that, consider these comments and those of my neighbors seriously, and allow our voices to be heard. The Commission should not be in the business of preventing residents from having their say in decisions that directly affect their daily lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Hampe