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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Michael Houghton and I am writing to you about the zoning case 23-25

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 a zoning decision.

I am opposed to giving private developers building rights on public lands, still used for public use.

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I feel that as a resident of the Chevy Chase neighborhood trying to change it like this would end up being bad in the long run. The great thing about Chevy Chase is how it is a tight knit community with many local businesses. By passing the proposed rezoning you are letting public property like the Chevy Chase library, community center and the commoners park to be used by developers for their own personal profit.

This rezoning does nothing to lower housing costs in DC. You will, by upzoning the Connecticut Ave corridor in Ward 3, lose 1000s of Naturally Occurring Affordable Homes in rent-controlled buildings. The Chevy Chase workforce - teachers, police, retail workers, etc. - will be displaced by your actions, as workforce housing has been lost in every other densified and gentrified DC neighborhood. You will displace the Chevy Chase small businesses just as small businesses have been lost in every other densified and gentrified DC neighborhood. You will harm the residents of the Chevy Chase community with incalculable loss, if you vote for upzoning Chevy Chase. History has shown that once this public land has been turned over to private developers they will be charging high rents and then turn around and sell the development at a substantial profit.

As someone who has grown up in the Chevy Chase neighborhood I feel this change is something I am for against as it doesn't just affect me but everyone. Please let us appeal once more for this case because it is a case that needs to be heard.

Thank you,
Michael Houghton
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