
Opposition to ZC 24-11

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Good afternoon:

My name is Brandon Isaacs, a long-time resident of the neighborhood abutting this proposed project, between New York Ave, Montana Ave, and Bladensburg Road, for the past 14 years. I am vehemently opposed to the proposed zoning change of this parcel to a zoning for industrial use. I recognize that the DC Government has faced challenges in its attempts to improve this parcel of land for some time now, in no small part due to Walmart's reneging on its commitment to opening a store at this site many years ago. Therefore, it is perhaps not unreasonable that DC would want to consider an industrial improvement to this parcel considering these historical challenges. However, re-zoning this parcel to an industrial use would not achieve DC's broader improvement objectives for the surrounding area, would curtail any new residential and commercial improvement of the surrounding area. Since I first moved to the neighborhood 14 years ago, the area surrounding this parcel has rapidly transformed in a dramatically positive way for residents and business owners alike. Many streets are now conducive to walking and many of the new residential developments nearby are highly-desired urban living spaces. I am deeply concerned that re-zoning this parcel for industrial use will curtail further urban development efforts and even reverse benefits of past improvements that took decades to achieve. Re-zoning this parcel to an industrial use would lock-in this land, potentially for several decades, to warehouse spaces that do not fit within the broader development plan for the surrounding area and will greatly harm current residents and business owners.

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