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Dear DC Zoning Commission,

As a Ward 5 resident of DC, I'm writing today in opposition of **Douglas Development** and affiliates to **rezone a large stretch of New York Avenue (between Montana Ave and Bladensburg Rd)** to *industrial* use.

This change would **erase decades of planning for a mixed-use neighborhood** at the Montana Triangle — housing, shops, and walkable streets — and lock the site into warehouse use for decades. Worse, it could **set a precedent for even more industrial rezonings** along New York Avenue, continuing the long pattern of **dumping truck-heavy and pollution-prone uses onto Ward 5 communities** that are already overburdened.

Community sentiment is **universally opposed**. Opposition is already on file from:

- **ANC 5C** (the containing commission)
- **ANC 5D** (adjacent commission)
- **Arboretum Community Association**
- **Woodridge Civic Association**
- **19 individual residents and counting**

I am writing today to add my opposition to all of these community voices. Please listen to the voices of those of us who must live with the consequences of your decisions, and support us in our desire to seek new homes and retail, as well as new public roadway construction and small plots for neighborhood-scale projects.

With Regards,

Melanie Weldon-Soiset