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## Letter in Opposition to ZC 24-11

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To the DC Zoning Commission,

I'm writing to strongly oppose Case ZC 24-11, the proposal from Douglas Development to rezone the stretch of New York Avenue between Montana Ave and Bladensburg Rd to industrial use.

This rezoning would be such a massive step backward for our community. We've spent years planning for a mixed-use, walkable community at the Montana Triangle with housing, shops, and actual neighborhood amenities.

This proposal would throw all of that out the window and lock us into decades of warehouse use instead. More of the same. Billionaires and developers first, community last. When will you get tired? We most certainly are.

Ward 5 has already carried more than its fair share of industrial zoning, truck traffic, and pollution, it's so flippant. We don't need more of it. What we need is thoughtful development that actually serves the people who live here. Please care about the people who live here. I'm begging you. 🙏😭

This rezoning would set a dangerous precedent for even more industrial uses along New York Avenue, continuing a pattern that has burdened our communities for far too long.

The community opposition to this is overwhelming. ANC 5C, ANC 5D, the Arboretum Community Association, and countless residents have already voiced their concerns. We're asking you to listen to us and reject this proposal.

We deserve better than more warehouses!!!

Please vote no on ZC 24-11.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Maliaka Mealy

*“Action is the foundational key to all success.”*

Pablo Picasso