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**Opposition to ZC Case No. 24-11**

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**Re: Opposition to ZC Case No. 24-11**

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to ZC 24-11. This proposal raises profound concerns for our community's safety, environmental health, economic stability, and long-term growth.

The proposed zoning changes open the door to potentially hazardous industrial uses, including chemical plants and sewage facilities, which would irreparably harm the character and well-being of surrounding neighborhoods. Such development threatens not only the physical safety of residents but also the fundamental right to live in a community with clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment.

Of equal concern is the impact on property values and future community growth. Families have invested their lives and savings into building strong neighborhoods in Fort Lincoln, Langdon, Woodridge, Brentwood, Brookland, Ivy City, NOMA, Trinidad, and Langston. Approving this proposal would undermine that progress, reducing home values and discouraging responsible growth that benefits residents.

The proximity of the site to the United States National Arboretum is especially troubling. The Arboretum is not only a treasured public space but also an environmental asset. Allowing industrial development nearby risks degrading air quality, damaging ecological balance, and diminishing the Arboretum's role as a green refuge for the city.

This proposal stands in direct conflict with the principles of sustainable development and

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equitable urban planning. Our neighborhoods should not be sacrificed to heavy industrial uses that bring disproportionate risks with little to no benefit for the residents who live here.

For these reasons, I respectfully **urge the Zoning Commission to reject ZC 24-11**. Protecting the health, safety, and integrity of our communities must take precedence over development that threatens to erode them.

Thank you for your attention to these serious concerns.

Sincerely,

Woodridge Resident, Lahaja Furaha