

Opposition to Zoning Commission Case 24-11

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Hello Members of the Zoning Commission,

I am writing to oppose the Zoning Commission Case 24-11. For over two decades, this corridor has been planned as a mixed-use neighborhood that would deliver housing, retail, and community amenities while better connecting the Arboretum with Ivy City and other Northeast DC neighborhoods. Replacing that vision with more warehouse and industrial uses would sideline housing and retail opportunities for a generation and further burden nearby communities with traffic and environmental impacts.

For 11 years, my family has been a part of the Langdon community, investing our time and energy into making our neighborhood a better place. As a parent of two children attending Langdon Elementary, I am incredibly disappointed to see this proposal being given serious consideration. The lack of walkable options for everyday needs, especially groceries, is a daily struggle, and my family and I have been eagerly anticipating the promise of a connected corridor.

Approving this case and replacing our long-term vision with more warehouses would have several negative impacts on our community:

- **Increased Traffic and Safety Risks:** The proposed industrial uses would bring a heavy volume of large trucks to our roads, increasing congestion and creating significant safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists, including our children who use the bike lanes.
- **Strain on Infrastructure:** The weight of these trucks would damage our local roads and put a strain on our already burdened infrastructure.
- **Erosion of Neighborhood Character:** The constant noise and industrial appearance would fundamentally change the wonderful character of our neighborhood, actively working against the volunteer efforts we undertake to beautify our community.
- Loss of Opportunity: This decision would sideline the opportunity for housing and retail for a generation, denying residents access to amenities that improve quality of life.

 District of Columbia CASE NO. 24-11

 EXHIBIT NO. 46

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject Case No. 24-11 and reaffirm the commitment to a mixed-use neighborhood.

Katherine Ward 5 Resident