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## Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

My name is Daniel, and I've lived in DC for the past 3 years. I am personally a beneficiary of new housing in DC - just in June I moved into the Novel on 14th, a brand new 8-floor apartment built thanks to inclusionary zoning and enabled funding for a neighboring affordable housing apartment building. I'm so happy with my apartment and to be able to move in to the amazing Columbia heights without displacing those already living here – we need more housing like this! By living in DC, I've been able to both finish my PhD at UMD and start my postdoc at NIH in Bethesda, all while living in a walkable, transit-accessible community.

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. The proposed changes would help address DC's housing shortage and align with the city's goals to support equitable and inclusive growth.

But DC is in a housing crisis, and we urgently need to build more homes. To help support housing creation, the Zoning Commission should consider:

1. Eliminating expensive parking mandates for alley homes.
2. Aligning unit limits with the limits of their zones.
3. Aligning the height limits of alley homes with their zones.

These changes will help us build a more inclusive, vibrant, and affordable DC.

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