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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Hi DC Zoning Commission,

I am Jacob Beran, a DC resident living in Columbia Heights. Increased housing access is essential to me because I believe that increasing housing supply through upzoning and loosening which types of construction are allowed is a necessary step to decrease the rates of homelessness and rent burdened individuals within the city. To align our values of being an inclusive city for all, we must always strive to decrease the cost of living so that people can afford to move to DC and so that the existing residents can have less stressful and more fulfilling lives as their rent burden decreases.

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. Alley housing creates an opportunity for small, affordable rental units and starter homes.

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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