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

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Dear zoning commission,

As a young professional starting out, I've found that even with full-time work and careful budgeting, the cost of housing in this city is simply out of reach. Rent for even the smallest apartments often exceeds half my income, leaving little room for savings or basic necessities. It's disheartening to realize that people like myself—who contribute to the local workforce and community—can't afford to live in the very place we help sustain. Without more affordable options, many of us are forced to leave, commute long distances, or put our lives on hold while waiting for a chance to simply have a stable home.

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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