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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 Tobias Amstutz. I recently graduated from George Washington University. As a young professional trying to build a life in DC, I've experienced firsthand how difficult it is to find affordable housing in this city. Too many of my friends who graduated with me have been forced to leave DC, not because they wanted to, but because the cost of living here made it impossible to stay. DC is losing talented young people who want to contribute to our city but can't afford to remain here!

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. Alley housing can help address affordability, increase neighborhood safety through active usage, and enhance community character.

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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