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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed upzoning of Connecticut Avenue in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park. As a lifelong resident of Ward 3 and a homeowner, I believe that this proposal will improve life for me and other current residents of Ward 3.

Washington is not the same city that I grew up in. Population was declining in the D.C. of my youth and businesses were struggling or long gone. The city's focus was on slowing the decline, not accommodating growth.

It's been decades since these trends turns around and D.C. has become a much more attractive, safer and more enjoyable place to live. It's also meant that housing has become scarce and more expensive. I'm grateful that D.C. continues to grow as a city but we need to accommodate that growth - across all parts of the city - in a way that protects and enhances neighborhoods.

This proposed rezoning does that by encouraging much needed new homes, including affordable homes, by permitting taller buildings on Connecticut Avenue. These changes would be guided by design guidelines that ensure compatibility with historic preservation and provide careful transitions to adjacent neighborhoods.

I also support removing the cap on restaurants in these business districts, which can help create a more vibrant commercial district.

These changes are valuable, if modest. Ward 3 lags behind the rest of the District in providing new housing and affordable housing. Woodley Park and Cleveland Park were one of three priority areas in Ward 3 identified by the Comprehensive Plan for the creation of more housing and affordable homes.

I urge you to support this proposal so Woodley Park and Cleveland Park can offer more housing for people who would like to live there, and more affordable housing, along with a vibrant mix of businesses. This proposal helps build a more inclusive, walkable Ward 3 and DC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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