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Good evening-

I am a former resident of Woodley Park and am writing in support of the above zoning case proposed changes. While I lived in Woodley Park from 2011 - 2023, I was in the Board of Cleveland Park Smart Growth and worked to increase housing in Ward 3.

There is a serious housing availability and affordability crisis in the US and cities everywhere need to build more housing and find solutions to make that housing affordable for everyone. The Cleveland Park-Woodley Park area in particular has long resisted increasing housing supply and has seen its fortunes diminish over time. As more of the city adds reatail and additional housing, the Connecticut Ave corridor has been less of a draw. To revitalize, the area needs to up zone to allow for additional residences to support a vibrant retail space.

In addition, it is increasingly unconscionable that a small number of wealthy and connected residents can use their influence to keep their neighborhood trapped in amber while the city changes around it. Preservation should not hinder progress or be used to keep out those who wish to live in an area. This also contributes to building more in vulnerable neighborhoods where residents can be more easily displaced and on greenfields far from the city, which has environmental impacts.

I moved away from a neighborhood that I loved and saw potential in, ultimately because I could not afford to buy in Woodley or Cleveland Park. Although the redistricting of ANCs a couple years ago broke the stranglehold that single-family homeowners had on Ward 3, it is still necessary to make zoning changes that will serve more residents and diverse communities who want to make a home in the area and to see the retail reach its full potential.

Thank you,  
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