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Members of the Zoning Commission,

I've lived in DC for most of my adult life. My wife and I are raising our family here. I love DC because it is walkable, transit-friendly and has vibrant communities. In short, I love it because it is a city with high density especially near metro and other transit. I personally work on climate and energy issues and I see the environmental, energy, and climate benefits of building more houses near metro and transit. We need more of what makes DC great.

I'm writing to urge the Zoning Commission to approve the Office of Planning's proposed upzoning on Wisconsin Avenue (ZC 25-13) and Connecticut Avenue (ZC 25-09). I'm also asking my Councilmembers to support a broader upzoning in the next Comprehensive Plan.

These targeted rezonings will put more homes—including affordable homes—within easy reach of Metro and neighborhood retail. That means more opportunities for families and seniors, stronger small businesses, safer and more walkable main streets, and progress on DC's climate and equity goals.

This is an important first step, but it doesn't go far enough. I'm asking my Councilmembers to commit to a more vibrant, affordable DC in the Comprehensive Plan. Tell the Office of Planning to:

1. Legalize more Homes on All Residential Lots: Take steps to end exclusionary zoning by allowing more homes on every residential lot.

2. Allow Parking Flexibility Citywide: Give homebuilders and local businesses the flexibility to determine parking based on their specific site and neighborhood needs, rather than forcing arbitrary mandates that waste space and increase costs for renters.

3. Promote Transit Oriented Development: Allow buildings to reach 90 feet within ½ mile of Metro stations and ¼ mile of high-frequency bus lines (with automatic expansion when new bus lines/metro stops are added).

Ward 3 has long under-produced housing relative to its access to opportunity. These rezonings—and a broader upzoning in the Comp Plan—will help keep long-time residents, welcome new neighbors, and ensure our local shops and schools thrive.

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