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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

All Washingtonians need to support high density housing in their neighborhoods to bring down the cost of housing and increase equity across the city. I'm proud that i live in a neighborhood that has both single family homes and apartment buildings. In no way has it hurt the character of Mt. Pleasant, On the contrary, it keeps our neighborhood alive and vibrant and lives up to its name as one of the coolest neighborhoods in the world. Ward 3 residents need to be made to understand how good this would be for their neighborhood.

I urge the Zoning Commission to approve the proposed rezoning of Wisconsin Avenue, Zoning Case 25-13. The proposed rezoning would greatly expand the opportunity to build more housing in this high opportunity area, at two Metro stations and along a major bus corridor.

The rezoning implements the Wisconsin Avenue Development Framework, which is intended to create as many as 9,500 new homes, including the potential for 1,700 affordable homes. This increased housing offers important benefits – much needed homes for families and individuals, affordable housing, and the opportunity to live in a walkable, transit-accessible community and reduce our climate emissions.

The zoning changes include important design guidance to support a walkable environment; and require mid-block connections to break up overly long blocks to create a more intimate and pedestrian-friendly experience. Moving forward, this guidance should be strengthened using additional national best practices to ensure people-oriented buildings and public spaces.

Increased mixed-use, walkable places with more housing, along with design guidance for public spaces — such as “town plazas” like Lamont Park in MtP — and transitions, will help bring new vitality to this area, and help DC achieve its vision for a more equitable and sustainable community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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