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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

Please support and approve the proposed rezoning of Wisconsin Avenue, Zoning Case 25-13. As a local resident in the Tenleytown / Friendship Heights area, I fully support my community embracing more housing to give more residents a chance at the wonderful life in upper NW. We enjoy amazing local features and after a bit of a lag in our local businesses, increasing the number of homes will bring new families and individuals to enjoy what I hope will be a vibrant community in the near future. We have the resources available and our community must adjust to allow for more accessibility of housing. I have seen this achieved elsewhere in the country, and am hopeful that my neighborhood can join in this effort.

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 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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