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Good morning Chairman Hood,

I am writing to encourage you to approve the zoning case 25-13 to upzone Tenleytown and Friendship Heights along Wisconsin Ave.

I am a resident of Cleveland Park in Ward 3 and familiar with the issues that are facing our ward and the neighborhoods along Wisconsin Ave. Ward 3 has consistently underbuilt housing and intentionally or not caused home prices and rents to greatly increase to where there are few properties going for less than \$1 million. This is unconscionable in DC and entrenches wealthy, older homeowners at a time when affordability and encouraging young families to stay in DC is such an issue. My wife and I would love to settle down in Ward 3, but even with two incomes and both of holding advanced degrees, we find it almost impossible to find a two-bedroom home within our reach.

In addition, this refusal to build spills out into the rest of the city. When housing, including market rate housing, is not built, those who would live there do not vanish but instead move to other, cheaper wards such as 1, 4 and 5. These residents are looking for affordable homes like everyone else, but the stubborn refusal to build in Ward 3 drives gentrification and displacement around the city.

I encourage you to make DC more affordable by upzoning here in this case and all over Ward 3.

Thank you,  
Joshua Peacock