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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

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 an attractive location, bracketed by two Metro stations and along a major bus corridor. Certainly the Friendship Heights area could benefit from a surge of interest and capital. This stretch off land makes much more sense than the sometimes push for affordable housing out at Chevy Chase Circle. And note, I shop at these areas frequently, and live about a mile away.

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. Increased housing would offer important benefits – much needed homes in the District for families and individuals, affordable housing, and the opportunity to live in a walkable, transit-accessible community and reduce our climate emissions. I believe the existing neighborhoods can accommodate and would thrive with an influx of new neighbors.

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 can 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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