

DC Office of Zoning
441 4th St., NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC, 20001

Re: ZC Case 25-13

Dear Director Bardin:

Thank you for the opportunity to supplement your consideration in Case 25-13. My name is Benjamin Nussdorf and I live at 5005 Belt Road, NW Washington, DC 20016. I, and my family, live within the immediate vicinity of the proposed zoning adjustment. Our lives would be substantially affected by the decision of the Office of Zoning.

That being said, my family and I support increasing housing density in our immediate vicinity, and the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Our city, and our neighborhood, is housing deficient, and the proposed, thoughtful changes would help alleviate a current problem. Increasing housing density would also help serve our community's current dearth of commercial business.

I understand that many of my neighbors have spoken in opposition to the plan, and support local ANC members who are hostile to enhanced residential and commercial development. These behaviors are what has left buildings between Tenleytown and Friendship Heights stalled in development, empty, or a blight-filled eyesore for years. While other communities have seen commercial and residential developments in recent years (Wesley Heights with Cathedral Commons, Palisades with the re-developed the Safeway Property), North Wisconsin Avenue has remained stalled. The Zoning Commission has an excellent opportunity here to expedite redevelopment of the former Volvo Dealership, the Fox5 Building, the Lord & Taylor building, and other properties without burdensome and costly interference.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. I hope that your understanding of our housing and commercial deficiency, and the arrested development of our neighborhood will guide your decision to approve the upzoning plan in Case 25-13.

Sincerely,

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