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Edward L. Curry
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the Zoning Secretariat
District Building, Room 11
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Connecticut Avenue Corridor

Dear Mr. Curry:

By Zoning Commission Order No. 548, October 1, 1987, the Zoning Commission authorized the scheduling of public hearings in the above-referenced matter. A prehearing conference is scheduled for December 10, 1987. By notice published in the D.C. Register on November 20, 1987, you have asked all interested parties to register their intention to participate in this case.

Zoning Commission Case No. 86-26

We respectfully request recognition on behalf of interested owners of property in the area, and intend to participate in the prehearing conference and any subsequent hearings on this matter. Attached please find a list of the group we represent, and a brief outline of the testimony we intend to present. We request 2 hours for our presentation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher H. Collins

John T. Epting

Edward L. Donohue

Steven E. Sher

Director of Zoning Services

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Outline of Testimony
Zoning Commission Case No. 86-26
Connecticut Avenue Corridor

District	of Columbia
Case 84-26	

Exhibit.

- I. There is no basis in planning for the proposed action.
  - A. The OP report ignores the stability of Connecticut Avenue.
    - 1. Connecticut Avenue is essentially developed.
    - 2. The OP report acknowledges that there is no major development anticipated for this corridor.
  - B. The OP report ignores corridor concept.
    - 1. Connecticut Avenue is designed and used as a major thoroughfare.
    - Vehicular, pedestrian and mass transit facilities are already in existence.
- II. There is no basis in the Comprehensive Plan for the proposed action.
  - A. Density and uses are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
    - 1. The land use element is satisfied.
      - a. The Cleveland Park commercial area is a mix of high density residential and low density commercial - in many cases below permitted height and bulk.
      - b. The Woodley Park commercial area is surrounded by high density apartment houses and hotel, as contemplated by the Comprehensive Plan.
    - 2. Other elements of the Comprehensive Plan.
      - a. Stabilization of neighborhoods
      - b. Housing

- c. Economic development
- d. Transportation
- B. Proposed action is counter to Comprehensive Plan.
  - 1. The under-used Metrorail stations on Connecticut Avenue.
  - 2. The wedges and corridors concept.
- III. There is no traffic basis for proposed action.
  - A. The OP report found existing levels of service acceptable.
  - B. The OP report found expected levels of service acceptable.
- IV. Conclusion.

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## Representative Group

The following is a list of owners of property along Connecticut Avenue in the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park commercial areas that are representative by Wilkes, Artis, Hedrick & Lane, Chartered:

Cafritz Foundation, Owner Urban Group, Contract Purchaser 3501 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Olga M. Mazza 3816 Cathedral Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Twenty-Six Thirty-One Limited Partnership 2639 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Riggs Bank Trustees for Certain Property Owners 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.