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January 11, 1988

Mr. Lindsley Williams, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Case No. 86-26

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write in support of the petition of the Cleveland Park Historical Society to rezone Connecticut Avenue to stop proposed high-rise office development in what has traditionally been a residential historic neighborhood. The proposed rezoning is necessary, among other things, to stop the proposed development on the site of the Park and Shop building. This proposed structure is totally out of keeping with all other architecture on Connecticut Avenue north of the central city, and represents a drastic and unwarranted departure in the use of Connecticut Avenue from commercial and apartment dwelling to massive office activities.

I see no reason why Connecticut Avenue should aspire to become downtown Bethesda. From all reports, Bethesda is a nightmare of traffic, parking problems, and largely unappetizing office structures. Given the many areas of the city which are already devoted to office space -- and which have large areas remaining for development -- I would hope the zoning commission

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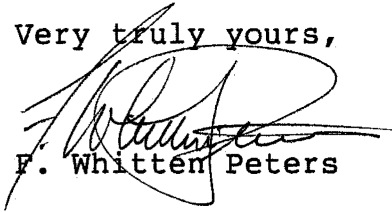
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grants the petition in case number 86-26 and down zones Connecticut Avenue to keep it within its historic scale and purpose as one of the truly great avenues of this city.

Very truly yours,



F. Whitten Peters

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