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Mr. Lindsley Williams, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
The District Building, Rm. 11
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Case #86-26

Dear Mr. Williams:

My wife and I moved into the 3701 Connecticut Condominiums last month, coming to Washington from the Houston area. We chose this neighborhood because of its human scale, having looked at but rejected other areas, both inside the District and in the suburbs.

We are therefore most upset to learn almost immediately upon arriving that some developers want to erect on the little shopping center property at Connecticut and Ordway a combination condominium/office/retail building building on the order of 200,000 square feet. This is completely unreasonable in Cleveland Park, and would make this section of Connecticut Ave. as undesirable as the Van Ness--Connecticut intersection.

As veterans of several years on the Gulf Coast of Texas we feel that we are mini-experts in the ghastly destruction that developers can do. Houston has no zoning and is a snake pit, an insane combination of houses, high-rises, retail stores--even factories--all mixed together. If we allow this proposed structure on Connecticut at Ordway we will be helping developers make some money, but we will be permanently damaging a delightful Washington neighborhood.

My wife and I therefore urge the rezoning of Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park to make it more difficult for developers even to think of such proposals, and to retain the historical character and decent, human scale of Cleveland Park, not only in the specific case I have mentioned, but to protect it in all future instances.

Very truly yours,

Dennis K. McDaniel

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