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

ZONING COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Williams, CASE NO. 86-26
EXHIBIT NO. 201

I am writing to express my strong support for the re-zoning of Connecticut Ave. in Cleveland Park (Case # 86-26). The primary reason for this is simple: I moved to this neighborhood because it is a neighborhood, with moderate-scale housing and shops and a sense of community.

If all of the developers' proposals are enacted, Cleveland Park will

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become another Van Ness or Friendship Heights, with all of the destructive tendencies we've seen there: unsupportable traffic; K-Street-type office towers; loss of small, long-time shops and their replacement by expensive boutiques and restaurants; excessive levels of air and noise pollution; even worse traffic problems (already we face a crisis in lack of parking in Cleveland Park for existing shops); etc.; etc. In short, we would face the loss of our vibrant and livable neighborhood.

Not only is this a result that the residents of Cleveland Park will resist, it is inconsistent with the

city's own Comprehensive Plan and the recent official establishment of the Cleveland Park Historical District. We are counting on city officials to carry out the city's stated intentions for this residential and small-scale commercial area, and to resist the efforts of developers to fundamentally overturn these commitments.

Finally, I think it is important to note that the citizens of Cleveland Park will support reasonable development in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan and the Historical District. The Cleveland Park Historical Society, at its own expense, has outlined a

responsible plan for the renovation and upgrading of the Park and Shop site.

Citizens will support such development that is in keeping with the character and scale of the neighborhood and with the city's own Plan. What the developers have proposed to date, however, is not acceptable nor appropriate.

Again, I strongly urge you to support the rezoning of Connecticut Ave.

Sincerely,
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