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Lindsley Williams, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning
Commission
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Room 11
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Z.C. Case No. 86-26

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write in support of the citizens and historical society of Cleveland Park in their efforts to restrain unsuitable development of this unique and important area of the city. As a tax-paying resident of low income, I value the services, beauty, and peace of this wonderful neighborhood, things that would be wrecked by the rampant commercialization proposed by greedy developers and speculators who have no interest in the community beyond making money for themselves. One would like to see how they would react if massive office buildings were built in their backyards.

The zoning of this area must reflect its historical and residential character. I believe that the city government has a great deal to gain by listening to the residents, and a great deal to lose if it yields to outside interests. I, for one, would consider moving, albeit reluctantly, if the neighborhood were to be destroyed by the commercial development and concomitant traffic and costs increases that are being proposed. Such damage cannot be undone -- witness the disaster that is Wisconsin Avenue and Rockville. Connecticut Avenue is one of the treasures of this city -- and to squander it on greedy outside interests is a crime.

I urge you to support the citizens' and historical society's efforts to prevent the unnecessary development of this wonderful neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Charlotte W. Morford

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