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Washington, D.C. 20008
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Lindsley Williams, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 11
Washington, D.C. 20008

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

Dear Chairman Williams and Members of the Commission:

I write to you as a very concerned resident and property owner in the Cleveland Park neighborhood. I entreat the Commission to act in favor of the rezoning of the commercial areas pursuant to the above Case No. 86-26. I and many of my neighbors are alarmed about the proposed insensitive "redevelopment" of our neighborhood and we feel that with sensitive commercial rezoning, redevelopment of our neighborhood can be accomplished without destroying the individual character, charm, and special sense of identity and community.

Cleveland Park was planned and developed as a residential community. Throughout Washington, we have seen developers, motivated by greed and crass commercialism, despoil established neighborhoods. While I do not oppose redevelopment, I believe that it must be directed in a manner consistent with the residential and historical character of our neighborhood. The construction of massive high-rise structures in the Cleveland Park area would destroy the character and fabric of our community. I am especially concerned about the potential redevelopment of the portion of Connecticut Avenue bordered by Macomb Street and Porter Street. This area contains various buildings of architectural merit, and also provides many essential services to area residents. Furthermore, the area is currently quite congested and permitting additional commercial development would add to the difficult parking situation and traffic congestion. The proposed development of the "Park & Shop" site on Connecticut Avenue into a 10-story complex can only be considered a catastrophe for the neighborhood and its residents.

Therefore, I sincerely ask the Commission to support the rezoning of Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues to protect the small scale, low-rise commercial structures which provide us with so many essential services for our residential neighborhoods. Redevelopment can be accomplished successfully if guidelines are set which take into account the existing residential, historical, and aesthetic characteristics of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering our position. We sincerely hope that you act favorably in order to save our neighborhoods.

Sincerely yours,

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