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ZONING SECRETARIAT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RE: Case #86-26

Dear Chairman Williams:

Please do not allow Cleveland Park to become Bethesdarized. I moved to Washington from New York City because the quality of life in the canyons and underground tunnels of Manhattan had become increasingly impersonal, expensive, crowded, dirty and dangerous. Among the charms of our Capital City is its human scale and citizen interest and participation in community affairs.

With this in mind I would like to point out that Cleveland Park already has one of the highest pollution readings in the City at Connecticut Avenue and Porter Street.

Metro rail during rush hours is reminiscent of sardines packed in a can rather than human beings going to and from work. It's no wonder we prefer our cars where we can be assured of a comfortable seat, listen to our radio, tape decks or dictating machines while drinking our coffee and thereby arrive at our offices and homes relaxed and rested instead of tense and agitated.

Parking is at a premium and even those of us with reserved parking spaces must call the overworked police to ticket offenders and have the added expense of calling towing services to haul off the offenders -- at times risking bodily harm and threats to property.

All the above conditions currently exist and will be further exacerbated once the large, rental apartment complex on Porter Street is ready for occupancy. Therefore, please, Chairman Williams, let's work together to rezone Cleveland Park so we can retain the quality of life and not add more office buildings to an already over supplied market.

Thank you,

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