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Maybelle T. Bennett, Chairman District of Columbia Zoning Commission 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 11 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Concerning the Z.C. Case No. 86-26, I would like to say that Cleveland Park has been my favorite area of Washington, D.C., since I moved to the city in 1985. As a resident of Woodley Park, I support small neighborhood services instead of larger commercial enterprises both here and in nearby Cleveland Park because I feel that these small businesses are essential to the character of the neighborhood. I also appreciate the proprietors' more personalized service and rapport with the community. To pass legislation that would allow developers to drive out these small businesses and construct ugly, impersonal, TALL buildings in their place would be, in my opinion, a serious mistake, for destroying the character of the Cleveland Park neighborhood would be one big step toward turning Washington, D.C., into just another overdeveloped disaster, instead of a special place to live and an interesting city to visit.

I feel lucky to reside in an area that has all the advantages of city life, yet where I can see the sky without straining my neck; where I can feel I am part of a community; where I can look around and see history, tradition, and respect for the past in the buildings that surround me. Please don't allow greedy speculators to ruin this lovely neighborhood forever.

Sincerely yours,

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