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Mr. Frederick L. Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment

Re: BZA Case #20266

Dear Chairman Hill,

I am writing to urge that the BZA **not** grant the requested waiver of the parking requirement at the proposed development at 3400 Connecticut Ave. NW.

I am a representative of a demographic - people over 70, even over 80, some over 90 - whose spending habits would be seriously impacted by the waiver. I love many of the local merchants and eateries on the Connecticut Ave. strip, and I patronize them whenever the coronavirus permits. But I can do so only if I can drive there and park. In the "beforetime" prior to the mid-March lock-down, parking was often a real challenge, but the joys of visiting my favorite restaurants and shops on the strip were worth it. With the addition of some 35 new residential units and several businesses, accompanied by the net **loss** of 15 parking spaces on the developer's property and another 28 on Connecticut (at least temporarily), the challenge will inevitably increase dramatically. I'm afraid I'll no longer be able to shop or eat there. I regret my personal contribution to climate change, but it is unavoidable; I need to drive for about 95% of my needs. If not on Connecticut, then in Bethesda or in Arlington. And I'm afraid I'm only the tip of an iceberg of "golden oldies" whose absence will be bad news for our local merchants as well as for ourselves.

Please do not grant the parking waiver. Please ask the developer to add two new spaces to the 15 already there, which would achieve his legal obligation (already reduced by 50% because the property is two blocks away from a Metro stop), rather than removing what's there and adding nothing.

Thank you.

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