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Mr. Anthony J. Hood  
Chairman, Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200S  
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Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing to you to express my support of the PUD and Zoning Map amendment application for Zoning Commission Case No. 13-08 for the proposed mixed-use project on the south entrance of the Congress Heights Metro Station in Ward 8. This project is vital to the evolution of Congress Heights and Ward 8 as an attractive, vibrant neighborhood for District residents for years to come.

This project will offer over 230,000 square feet of new office space, 208 residential units with state-of-the-art amenities and sorely needed neighborhood-serving ground floor retail. Its location directly on top of the south entrance to the Congress Heights Metro Station on Alabama Avenue, Southeast is a vital component to the project being a beacon in the neighborhood for years to come.

Ward 8 seeks new development such as this project to infuse the area with much needed new residential, office and retail opportunities on a transit-oriented development site. I am confident this project can serve as a catalyst for future development in Congress Heights and beyond in Ward 8.

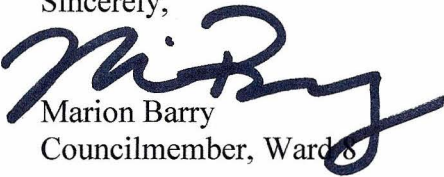
The project will create new employment opportunities both in the service industry and in the new businesses that will locate in the office building. The project creates an active plaza at the South entrance to the Congress Heights Metro station. The requested height and density are critical to the success of this project and will allow for increased employment opportunities for District residents. Nearby residents and workers will have new retail and there will be over 20 affordable

housing units as well as Retail/Office units set aside for community businesses that are a part of this exciting project.

With the imminent development of the St. Elizabeth's East Campus site, this proposed project in Congress Heights would be a welcome complement and a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. I strongly support this project and its developers. This project is long overdue for Ward 8.

Please consider my support as you review the PUD and Zoning Map amendment application.

Sincerely,



Marion Barry  
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