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via IZIS

Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Comments on Zoning Commission Case No. 17-18.

Dear Members of the Commission:

We have several clients that have concerns about the impact of this amendment on existing building permit applications which have yet to be approved. Many of these projects have been in process for a year or more, including planning, architectural expenses, etc., and in some cases our clients have paid permit fees, etc. We would suggest that the Commission allow a vesting period for applications which were filed prior to the hearing date, at least. Alternatively, we request that the Commission allow for a transition period by delaying the implementation of the proposed regulations to allow processing of existing permit applications.

We also support the removal of the words attic and basement or cellar from the definition of habitable space. The removal of these words will help clarify the long-established position and avoid further confusion on this topic.

Sincerely,



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