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Members of the Zoning Commission ,

I am a Dance Loft on 14 community member writing to express my strong support for the redevelopment of the Dance Loft on 14 building, located at 4618 14th St. NW. DC's Comprehensive Plan sets out a vision of a city that is more affordable, inclusive, and environmentally friendly, as well as better-served by neighborhood-based arts and culture.

We currently have a chance to move toward all of these goals with a single project. This project will create first-class art and cultural space for Dance Loft on 14, and allow this fantastic non-profit to continue serving children, school groups, community residents, and artists from all over DC with one of the few dedicated neighborhood dance spaces in the District.

With all the recent closings of many Dance and Arts spaces in the metropolitan area, this new building will become a new home for artists like me. This building will also be a community hub for neighborhood residents as a place where they can come and meet. I encourage the Zoning Commission to approve this request and support this project's potential to contribute to an artistic, inclusive, and thriving community.

Thank you for your work and service, as well as your consideration of this matter.

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