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Members of the Zoning Commission,

I am a Ward 4 resident 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, and allow this fantastic non-profit to continue serving children, school groups, and artists from all over DC with one of the few dedicated neighborhood art spaces in the District.

This project will support businesses in our neighborhood, by bringing appropriate residential density to this commercial corridor. More than half of the apartments in the new building will qualify as affordable housing. This area will soon also be home to new retail at the redeveloped Northern Bus Garage across the street, and additional density will help both current businesses and the expected new businesses prosper.

I strongly support this project's multiple benefits. My family already enjoys walking to and dining at the restaurants along the 14th Street corridor. We look forward to additional restaurants and retail options within this corridor. This is precisely the reason we live in the neighborhood and we feel strongly that it should be an option for more people to live, dine and shop here as well.

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

Sincerely,

Colleen Hawkinson

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