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Members of the Zoning Commission ,

I am a Ward 4 resident, who lives about 500 feet from the Dance Loft, 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. This is something that needs to be done *as much as possible wherever possible*. We are not at risk of having too little affordable housing. On the contrary - we are likely to substantially miss our targets and have too little affordable house, driving a trend of gentrification that negatively impacts our community. Voting for the status quo is a vote for a continuing negative trend for the people who need the most consideration.

We currently have a chance to move toward all of these goals with a single project. This project will create a first-class arts 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 arts 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 business and the expected new businesses prosper. As an aside, the Northern Bus Garage should be built as an electric-only facility, ALSO with affordable housing above it. I say that as someone directly adjacent to the bus garage. Again, we can not have too much.

I strongly support this project's multiple benefits of more housing that is deeply affordable, a new home for an established neighborhood arts organization, and support for local businesses in our neighborhood. I encourage the Zoning Commission to approve this request and support this project's potential to contribute to a healthy, inclusive, and thriving community.

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

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