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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

I understand the residents who are concerned about taller buildings going up around them; it has happened in places like Bethesda and Silverspring. But we've made as many mistakes in the other direction like the area around Tenleytown where residents prevented some high-density housing. We as a species do not have the luxury of being able to afford urban sprawl any longer. I wish to express my strong support for the Dance Loft on 14th Planned Unit Development, Zoning Case No. 20-18. I support this proposal because it is exactly the kind well-designed, transit-accessible, mixed-use, mixed-income housing that will help the District reach its housing equity goals. The project also prevents the displacement of a community performing arts institution, enabling it to expand and thrive. All this is achieved in a mixed-use building design that appropriately fits into the neighborhood.

The 101 apartments with a mix of deeply affordable homes, family-sized units, and a permanent home for Dance Loft's community arts and cultural center are an extraordinary contribution to the community and the District. The 66 affordable homes will not only help meet the Comprehensive Plan's housing equity goals, they also help to advance its racial equity goals by providing deeply affordable rental homes, and an impressive 16 large, family-sized rental apartments for larger, low income families. These new housing opportunities make the expensive 16th Street Heights neighborhood more inclusive, and help foster a diverse community both economically and racially.

While this proposal has opponents, I believe that this carefully designed building will be an important contribution to the neighborhood and the city. I ask you to approve this proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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