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To the Office of Zoning and Commissioners,

I write to you as a resident living just five blocks from 1617 U Street NW. I wish to express my strong support for the rezoning of this location. As someone deeply affected by the current housing shortage, I believe that strategic upzoning, particularly in areas like ours, is a necessary step forward.

While the proposed building may indeed be larger and taller than most in our vicinity, it's essential to understand the broader context. Cities evolve, and to accommodate a growing population and alleviate housing scarcity, we must sometimes rethink our spatial boundaries and traditional zoning designations.

I urge you not to dismiss this rezoning application based on the apprehensions of a vocal minority of folks. This is an opportunity to shape a more inclusive, safer, and thriving community.

We should welcome new neighbors, and as a renter in the area, I desire to see more land utilized effectively. Let's work together to reimagine our neighborhood for a better future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,  
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