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Ms. Marnique Heath, Chair

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Dear Chair Heath and Members of the Board,

 [I] [We] oppose the proposed Chevy Chase DC Historic District and live [inside the proposed district] [just outside the boundary of the proposed district] [outside the boundary of the proposed district but in the neighborhood] [outside the boundary of the proposed district but in Wsahington DC]. [I] [We] have lived [in our current residence] [Chevy Chase DC] for [x] years.

Chevy Chase DC is a wonderful place to live, but it is not the product of any distinctive or unique historical event or social movement. Our neighborhood does not have a particular architectural style or period that requires preservation. Instead, it has been the result of a process, continuing to this day, of organic adaptation and change as the needs and desires of those who live here have changed. The proposed historic district arbitrarily groups together streets, blocks, and houses that have little in common with each other. Recognizing a historic district in Chevy Chase DC would limit the ability of current and future residents to make changes to their own homes, adapt to new needs and conditions, and shape the community as a whole. By preserving the very conditions that were designed to make the community exclusive, a historic district would limit the possibilities for our community to become more inclusive and welcoming to a diverse array of residents.

Our neighborhood has become great by allowing the needs and desires of its residents to continually reshape its future. Please allow that process to continue and reject the application to designate the neighborhood as a historic district.

 Sincerely,

 [INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]

 [INSERT YOUR ADDRESS HERE]