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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. The application for a historic district itself recognizes that the area’s homes were built, and have been modified, in a variety of styles based on the choices and needs of individual owners, not any fixed aesthetic of a master builder. That kind of eclecticism is best honored by allowing the neighborhood to continue to evolve and thrive, as it has for the past 100 years, according to the needs and desires of the individuals who live here. Imposing a set of architectural standards may work for a more coherent or more historically significant area. But it would threaten to destroy just what has made this neighborhood great.

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 STREET ADDRESS]