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Subject: Comprehensive plan amendments

Dear Mr. Gray,

I write today to express concern about an element in the proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan, Bill 18-867. The Office of Planning recommends amending the air rights section to measure maximum heights from bridges over tracks and highways, such as H St., rather than from the ground. This would seem to allow much taller buildings than any that have been permitted in DC and constitute an end run around our Height Limit Act. That limitation on height has helped to give us our distinctive urban character. More density may be a good thing generally but not at the expense of the height limit.

Best wishes,
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