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TO: Baltimore City Council Land Use and Transportation Committee Members

RE: Council Bill 25-0017 - Rezoning – 3439-3549 Keswick Road – Odd Side

Please accept my written testimony in support of Council Bill 25-0017, sponsored by Councilwoman Odett Ramos, to change zoning for 3439-3549 odd side of Keswick Road from C-1 to R-7. R-7 zoning is consistent with most blocks in the Hampden community. My neighbors across the street have R-7 zoning.

The only commercial use on my side of Keswick Rd is the auto shop on the corner of 36th st, which I understand is not included in this proposed change.

Especially in light of the loss of multiple homes just south of my own to fire last fall, I certainly would not want to see commercial development replace these residential properties.

Councilwoman Ramos believes that my home and those of my neighbors should have been zoned residential when the City Council addressed residential rezoning prior to her taking office, and I fully support her efforts to correct this situation.

Sincerely,

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