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Dr. Wesley Gordon  
867 Van Buren Street NW  
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Dr. Gordon:

It has recently come to my attention that you are considering leasing your building at 7301 Georgia Avenue NW to a tenant that intends to operate a pawnshop. I have spoken with representatives of local community associations who indicate that such a use is undesirable. As you will see in the attached resolution, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (ANC) opposes a pawnshop due to concerns about increased crime and declining real estate values. The ANC is also worried that a pawnshop will permanently alter the character of the community by discouraging many desirable businesses from locating in the area. Although I strongly encourage the economic development along the Georgia Avenue Corridor, I cannot do so when community opposition is so vehement. As such, I have committed to assisting the community challenge the legitimacy of a pawnshop in the C-2-A zoning district.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser  
Councilmember, Ward 4