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Dear Mr. Moy:

I write in support of construction of the garage with an accessory apartment at issue in BZA Case 19521A. I currently live at 3010 Wisconsin Avenue NW, and from November of 2012 to April of 2015, lived at 1927 37th Street NW. Unlike many of the other commenters on this case, I do not own my property but instead rent. My roommates and I very much liked Burleith but our greatest challenge in living there was the short supply of affordable, modern apartments. There are, in fact, apartment buildings with apartments for rent along 35th Street, as well as accessory apartments in basements throughout the neighborhood, but they generally charge a premium, despite not being in good condition. The only other option for renters is to share a house, which I did and many people do, but again the houses available for rent are often not in good condition and the rents are high.

My roommates and I generally have not found parking to be a problem in the neighborhood. In fact, I live a short distance north of Burleith and do not own a car and use the Circulator bus to get to work. A much greater problem than parking is, if anything, the lack of density in the neighborhood. Just last year, DDOT proposed eliminating the Circulator bus service to our neighborhood because of lack of ridership—a proposal which the ANC vigorously opposed. Allowing for the construction of smaller apartments, with residents who are likely to use transit, should ensure that there are enough transit riders in the neighborhood to support continued service.

Most of the commenters thus far have been homeowners, but there are a significant number of renters in Burleith—or who would like to live in Burleith—and I hope the Board takes into account our views as well.

Sincerely,



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