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Re: Case Number 17092, Certificate of Occupancy Issued to Lisa Schreiber to Operate Wagtime at 1412 Q Street, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis:

It is my understanding that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will be holding a hearing in late January regarding the certificate of occupancy issued to Lisa Schreiber to operate Wagtime—a pet boarding, daycare, grooming, and supply store—at 1412 Q Street, NW.

My dog and I are patrons of Wagtime, and I urge you and other BZA members to uphold the certificate of occupancy issued to Ms. Schreiber by the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The location is zoned for commercial use, and the certificate of occupancy is therefore valid. Moreover, Wagtime is a well-run establishment. The facility has been clean and presentable each time I have visited the premises. The dogs who are enrolled in the daycare program are well-behaved and a joy to watch through the viewing window.

As a resident of a less economically-developed neighborhood in Washington, D.C., I am envious that the 14th Street business corridor has been able to attract entrepreneurs such as Ms. Schreiber. In Bloomingdale, where I live and serve as an ANC Commissioner, our small businesses are mostly alcohol establishments.

Washington, D.C. needs to promote and protect small businesses like Wagtime that provide our city with tax revenue and jobs for D.C. residents but also move the product mix in our urban neighborhoods beyond alcohol and tobacco.

Please uphold the certificate of occupancy for Wagtime.

Sincerely,

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