1433 Q Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

January 16, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 South
Washington DC 20001

Dear Sir:

BZA No. 17092—Appeal of Zoning Administrator's Decision Allowing the Location of a 24-Hour Dog Boarding Kennel at premises 1412 Q Street, NW

I am a resident of the 1400 block of Q Street NW and am writing to express my full support of the appellants in the Board of Zoning Adjustment's (BZA) case number 17092.

I have been a resident of this block for twenty five years, and neighbors and I have both endured a lot of problems and enjoyed a lot of changes for the better. I am also a dog lover and a dog owner, and have been for much of my time on the block.

I am also excited about and active in the 14th and U Main Street program, and delighted that the commercial blocks of 14th, and U and P Streets are developing, so we really do have local services.

However, I believe that the granting of a certificate of occupancy for a 24 hour boarding kennel in the middle of the otherwise residential block is a major step backwards. The impact on the neighbors on the south side of Q and future neighbors on the north side of Church is unreasonable, both from a noise and a health standpoint.

I understand that there is a need for this kind of business in the District. Not only does dog boarding assist dog owners, it provides needed stimulation and exercise to the dogs themselves. However, such facilities need to be sited ***completely within*** appropriate commercially zoned areas and with premises that take ***adequate precautions to minimize environmental impact***. This would include such matters as sound proofing, setbacks, no open dog runs near residential areas, adequate sanitation facilities, and adequate enforcement.

I fully support the appellants in their case that DCRA were wrong in deciding to issue a C of O to Wagtime in respect of a dog boarding kennel at 1412 Q Street NW. This decision should be reversed by the Board of Zoning Adjustment and Wagtime should be required to immediately cease the kennel aspect of its operation.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Peery

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