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

Dear Mr. Griffis:

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 in the District and am writing to express my full support of the appellants in the Board of Zoning Adjustment's (BZA) case number 17092.

While I am not named in the appellants' brief that was submitted in connection with this case, I would like to add my voice to the concerns expressed therein. Given the location of my home (midway down the 1400 block of Q Street, NW, on the south side of the street), I am not affected as significantly as those residents of Q Street who live adjacent to Wagtime. However, I also have noted many of the deleterious effects described in that brief on the neighborhood since the arrival of Wagtime.

I also have grown increasingly concerned about the welfare of the dogs that are being boarded at Wagtime and the staff who have been vested with their care. In early December I personally observed staff of Wagtime chasing an escaped dog up and down the 1400 block of Q Street. The dog repeatedly ran back and forth across Q Street while trying to outmaneuver its wouldbe captors, thereby posing not only a risk to the dog but also to oncoming traffic and the dog's pursuers.

In conclusion, I fully support the appellants in their argument that the DCRA inappropriately issued a Certificate of Occupancy to Wagtime in respect of a dog boarding kennel at 1412 Q Street NW. Like them, I would urge that this decision be reversed by the Board of Zoning Adjustment and that Wagtime be required to immediately cease the kennel aspects of its operation.

Yours truly,

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