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

January 15, 2004

Dear Chairman 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, Washington, DC and I fully support the appellants in the Board of Zoning Adjustment case number 17092.

I have lived in my present home since 1988 and, along with my neighbors on the 1400 block, have been highly proactive in both the residential and commercial aspects of development of our neighborhood. Our most important achievement was successfully marketing 1440 P St. to Whole Foods which, I believe, is clear evidence of our pro-business position. When we became aware of the relocation of WagTime to 1412 Q, we met with the owner, Ms. Schreiber, to determine her intended use. Recognizing the incompatibility, I, on behalf of the Q Street Association, wrote to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, prior to their issuance of the WagTime Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) requesting that the C of O not be issued for the dog boarding component of WagTime's operation. The arguments against allowing a dog kennel in the midst of a residential neighborhood were as compelling then as they are now; albeit, at the time, they were theoretical. Since WagTime's occupancy of 1412 Q, the impact has become real even to me and I live many houses to the west. I respectfully request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment 1) reverse the entirely inappropriate decision by DCRA to issue a C of O to WagTime for their dog boarding kennel use at 1412 Q Street NW and 2) please relieve the burden on WagTime's immediate neighbors, by requiring WagTime to immediately cease the same dog boarding kennel use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Joan D. Ferraris
1440 Q St. NW

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