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Washington DC 20009

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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 South
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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 offended by the way legitimate attempts to resolve this issue were ignored. "Due process" to this point has been mostly a means to intimidate the appellants. I am exceedingly proud of their thorough and conscientious report. I hope they will finally get a fair hearing.

I am a fifteen-year resident at this address and an active participant directly and indirectly in dozens of efforts, and in associated zoning issues, to promote business and community development in this neighborhood. This includes bringing the community together for twice annual block cleanups and tree-box planting (we include even the businesses, like Wagtime, that do not participate). We conceived of and brought to fruition the locating of Fresh Fields, inviting them into our backyard, much to their management's surprise. We fully anticipated the current nearby development boom. No doubt, Wagtime will bolster its non-existent defense with a charge and non-existent evidence that we are anti-business. Well, we are against one aspect of Wagtime's business but we are on record as "for" dozens of other businesses.

I consider Wagtime to have been the least cooperative, most deceitful and worst neighbor we have had in the neighborhood, with the exception only of two violence-ridden nightclubs now long gone. As a long-term participant in neighborhood improvement, I was hugely offended to receive a notice from Wagtime falsely claiming to have been a major participant in developing this neighborhood. They have been a detraction in every way possible, starting with the hideous exterior in what is otherwise a classically elegant block—the logic of historical zoning defeated again. At my address, I don't suffer from the barking but I hear it every time I walk by. I do suffer from more dogs delivering more urine and feces on plants we have purchased and carefully tended.

Mostly, I object to the injury that Wagtime has done to the quality of life of my neighbors and to the injustice the community and my neighbors received from an indifferent bureaucracy… one that seems to hold hands over eyes and ears, concluding they see and hear nothing wrong; yet, it's obvious to everyone else. Rather than using nuance to avoid thoughtful action, **it's time for a little common sense and the duck-rule to prevail here—this duck stinks and quacks like a 24-hour boarding kennel and should not be located adjacent to residences.**

Sincerely yours,

Jon L. Norenburg

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