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Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Room 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis:

This letter is in regard to the Certificate of Occupancy granted to Wagtime, LLC located at 1412 O Street, NW. I write this letter in support of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)2F and the Q Street Residents Association in opposition to Wagtime being located in their community. Following a thorough investigation by my staff, I must agree with and support the community. I question if the Q Street residents quality of life, their health and their noise levels were ever considered? Their concerns seem to be more than reasonable and should be given great weight in their appeal to your board.

Although my office is a strong advocate for the small business community, I feel that common sense should be used when issuing a Certificate of Occupancy to a business. I am surprised that a 24 hour dog kennel would be allowed within such a close proximity to residential dwellings. I don't think this was well thought out and I doubt that serious consideration was given to what the community wanted or was willing to accept.

I would very much like you to re-evaluate your decision to allow Wagtime to operate in their current location and to please consider the quality of life of the people who live in the neighborhood. After all, nobody wants to come home to dog stench and dogs barking all hours of the day and night.

I am in support of this community and their efforts on this issue.

Sincerely,

Johnnie Scott Rice

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Constituent Services Director

Cc: Joan Ferraris Q Street Residents Association

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