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The Hon. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
Washington DC 20003

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the Appellants in Appeal #17092 (Wagtime, 1412 Q Street NW).

As the resident of 1418 W Street NW, I can attest that the quality of life and impact of Wagtime on the community has been negative. My house is the only house on Q Street with a large front yard as my house is set back from the street. I repeatedly requested in a very nice manner to the owner of Wagtime to ask her clients not to walk their dogs in my yard. There was a significant increase in the amount of fecal matter in my yard which is a rock garden. And the pebbles were increasingly displaced from my yard caused by the dogs. I observed on many occasions people retrieving their animals from Wagtime and proceeding to walk them into my yard. Additionally, I'm allergic to animals and become nauseated every time I walk by Wagtime which I do at least twice a day to obtain transportation to and from work. The stinch is unbearable and emanates from the building. As a landlady who rents out the first floor of my residence, I have had potential tenants decline to rent the apartment because of Wagtime. Additionally, I was forced to put up a gate to prevent Wagtime clients from walking their dogs in my yard and it cost me $3000. I did not want to put up an iron gate but did not have a choice. I notified the owner of the building as I believe it is his obligation to be socially responsible as well as the owners.

The clients of Wagtime perpetually double park and walk their pets on Q street in order to let them defacate and urinate. They throw the feces in my garbage cans on Monday and Thursday forcing me to wash out my bins constantly. For these reasons, I think justly that the boarding and kennel should be denied continued activity.

Sincerely

Christina M. Handley
Owner 1418 Q St NW
Washington DC 20009

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