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Washington, DC 20016

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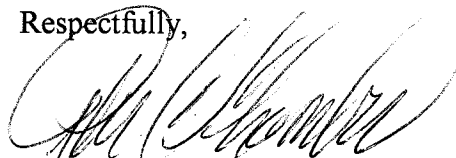
Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal #17109
1819 Belmont Road

Dear Commissioners:

I am a long-time resident of the District of Columbia and the owner of the five-story historic apartment building at 1824 Belmont, in the middle of a collection of rowhouses, across the street from 1819 Belmont Road. I have undertaken many improvements in the building and I am in the process of restoring the exterior features. The building is well-proportioned, having sufficient width and complementary design to its neighbors to fit in with the street. This is very different from 1819 Belmont Road, which is like a spike in the middle of the block that is totally out of kilter with its neighbors and which destroys the well-planned streetscape. There is more than an ample market opportunity in this area to restore and maintain fine old buildings in a variety of housing types without demolition or destruction to the detriment of the neighborhood and the City as a whole. To put it bluntly, if this horrendous structure is allowed to stand unmodified, the Board of Zoning Adjustment will have participated in the beginning of the destruction of one of the finer older streets of Adams Morgan and the City.

I urge you to require that the owners bring 1819 Belmont Road into conformance.

Respectfully,



Peter C. Schaumber

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Case No. 17109
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