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TO: Richards S. Nero, Jr., Acting Director
Office of Zoning/Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia

Dear Members of the Zoning Board,

I am in receipt of the October 3 letter regarding the Public Hearing in pursuant to 11 DCMR§3104.1, for the application of Steve and Elizabeth Allenbach. I am Dr. M Valerie Mills, a resident of the District of Columbia since 1971. I have been a District property owner since 1973 and the owner of 1420 A Street since 1993. The Allenbach's house is located three houses south of my home, and I believe it is necessary to address my concerns through this form of communication, in the event I am not available to attend the hearing on December 20, 2011. I am responding because I am concerned that the proposed new construction and changes to 1414 A Street, the Allenbach's house, will affect me in the following manner:

1. Destroy the preservation of the Historical look of this Block
2. Enhanced noise during the building process will be destructive to many of the residences on A Street and Ames Place. (Given I work from home at times, this will definitely affect my ability to concentrate on my work).
3. Create noise, dust, and the loud sound emitting from the machinery would affect my ability to perform work assignments in my home.
4. Lengthy construction will enhance Rodent infestation that already exists; and will cause rodents to run rampant not only through the alley but also in back/front yards of the blocks on Ames and A Street, NE.
5. Expansion of a roof construction to 1414 A will truly affect the aesthetic and historical preservation of the neighborhood as stated earlier.
6. In addition, most importantly, several real estate agents have commented that this type of construction could influence the selling value of my home when I prepare to sell and relocate.

Given the alley is quite narrow, the construction activity in the alley will hinder easy movement for all residences on A Street and Ames Place with deliveries and driving during working hours.

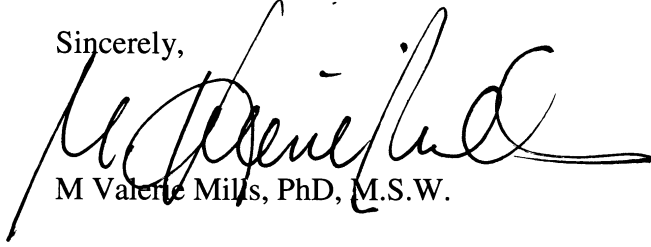
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My comments to the Allenbach's application are simply to address my concerns as a neighbor. Whereas other neighbors may or may not offer verbal or written concerns, I am particularly interested in ensuring that my property does not lose value in the future and that excessive noise, dust and limited movement will not cause unnecessary stress in future months.

The drawings share by a neighbor and not the Allenbach definitely indicate that such proposed work will continue for an extended period. Thank you for the opportunity to respond and offer my concerns. I sincerely hope that the Board will consider these concerns even if other neighbors are silent in offering their thoughts and comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Valerie Mills', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

M Valerie Mills, PhD, M.S.W.